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**MINUTES OF THE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
20.03.2014 AT 16:00 HOURS AT CUSTOM HOUSE, VISAKHAPATNAM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

S/Shri/Smt

1	Deepa B. Das Gupta	Chief Commissioner	
2	C.Rajendiran	Commissioner	Chairman
3	M.S.Reddy	Joint Commissioner	Member
4	N.Naresh	Deputy Commissioner	Member
5	Narendra Yadav	Asst. Commissioner	Member
6	B.Syamasundara Rao	Asst. Commissioner	Member
7	J.Rambabu	Asst. Commissioner	Member

The following Trade / Custodians Representatives attended the meeting.

S/Shri/Smt

1	PK Ghosh, Jt. Director	DGFT
2	Samir Mankad, Director	Air Cargo Complex
3	G. Pattabhi Ramayaa, Chairman	Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association
4	K.R.B. Prakash, Hon. Secy	
5	G. Sambasiva Rao, President	Visakhapatnam Custom House Agents Association
6	G.Rajesh, Secretary	
7	Rolland Williams, Exe. Member	Vizagapatnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry
8	P.V. Jagannath, Exe. Member	
9	Anil Narayanan, Vice-President	VCTPL
10	G.R.Seshagiri Rao, Sr. GM	CONCOR CFS
11	M. Mohan Rao, Manager	CWC CFS
12	G. Sravan Kumar, Director	Sravan CFS
13	G. Rambabu, Manager	Gateway CFS
14	T.S. Damodarao, Manager	APTPC Ltd.
15	Saraj Kumar Nair, Manager (Mktg)	Maersk Line

1. Shri M.S.Reddy, Joint Commissioner welcomed the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Central Excise & Service Tax, Vizag Zone and the members of the Stakeholders.

2. Shri M.S.Reddy, Joint Commissioner informed the members about the action taken on the minutes of the last meeting.

2.1. With respect to lack of adequate Computers, Thin Clients and Printers, the representative of M/s VCTPL informed that the delay in providing the thin client, is due to the difficulty in finding compatible model for ICES 1.5 and gave an assurance that it will be provided very soon as they got confirmation from the Custom House regarding compatible model.

2.2. With respect to difficulties in filing IGM for International flight at the Airport, AC (EDI) informed the Committee that the issue was taken up immediately and a new thin client has been installed at the airport. As far as filing of IGM by Air India is concerned,

DC(Prev) informed that the issue has already been taken up with the representatives of Air India and they have been instructed to file IGM within the time frame.

2.3. With respect to various problems faced by Trade relating to non-filing of EGM in time and amending errors in IGM/EGM consequently delay in clearance of imported cargo / disbursement of Drawback, a Committee comprising of the following members is constituted to deliberate on the issue, identifying the problems and come out with a solution within one month's time.

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| 1. M.S.Reddy, Joint Commissioner | - | Chairman |
| 2. J.Rambabu, AC(Imp&Exp) | - | Secretary |
| 3. Saraj Kumar Nair, Manager (Mktg), Maersk Line | - | Member |
| 4. G.Rajesh, Secretary, CHA Assocn. | - | Member |
| 5. G.Rambabu, Manager, Gateway CFS | - | Member |

3. The Visakhapatnam Custom House Agents Association submitted that while assessing the imported Steam Coal, Appraising Officers have been loading the value and also raised certain issues relating to valuation of furniture. The Chairman informed that the point does not relate to a facilitation issue but relating to legal aspect of assessment under the statute. Verification of declared values for the purpose of assessment is done in accordance with the statutory provisions specified under Section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 r/w the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007.

4. The meeting was then opened up for any other issues which are not included in the agenda.

4.1. The Chief Commissioner urged all the Stakeholders to apply for registration under Authorised Economic Operator Programme (AEO) and reap the benefits. M/s VCTPL informed that they are getting themselves ready for this programme and they will apply for registration very soon. Shri N.K.Yadav, AC(EDI) to be the Nodal Officer for this programme. He will organize a programme for the benefit of Trade & Industry.

4.2. The representatives of M/s ITDC requested for permission for sale of Indian made Handicraft from the DFS and also permission for sale of bonded goods to the individual crew members on a foreign run vessels. They were advised to continue with the existing permission granted to them till a suitable decision is taken at the national level.

4.3. Shri G.Sambasiva Rao, President, CHA Assocn, pointed out that there was a problem with the Printer in Service Centre. AC(EDI) informed that the problem is with the ICES 1.5 and not with the Printer, and that the problem is already rectified.

4.4. Shri G.Sambasiva Rao, President, CHA Assocn also requested to depute Officers of Customs to the Trade Meets being held at various places in Andhra Pradesh. It was agreed to depute Officers for the Trade Meets and instructed them to give prior intimation.

4.5. Shri K.R.B.Prakash, Hon'ry Secretary, Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association, while appreciating the initiative taken by the Commissioner for E-mail communication of this Committee, requested for online permissions from Preventive Department. They were informed that security is the prime concern regarding online permissions and he also informed that the Trade, Industry and the Department have not yet gone into the era of digital signatures and the same has to be taken up at national level. They were also asked to submit concrete proposals to automate the process with specific suggestions, so that it can be examined and if necessary taken up further with DG Systems.

4.6. Shri G.R.Seshagiri Rao, Sr. G.M., CONCOR CFS pointed out that the bonds are not getting credited automatically after the transshipped containers from CONCOR CFS to various ICDs in India are re-warehoused and that they have to get it done manually through sealed cover procedure. It is informed that the issue is already taken up with the DG Systems and instructed AC(EDI) to co-ordinate.

5. All the Stakeholders were asked to submit their points for the meeting highlighting the issue with possible solutions for consideration, well in advance to achieve better outcome from the meeting.

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To,
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Trade Facilitation Committee
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1. The Chief Commissioner,
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