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**MINUTES OF THE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
22.05.2014 AT 16:00 HOURS AT CUSTOM HOUSE, VISAKHAPATNAM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

S/Shri/Smt

1	C.Rajendiran	Commissioner	Chairman
2	M.S.Reddy	Joint Commissioner	Member
3	N.Naresh	Deputy Commissioner	Member
4	Narendra Yadav	Asst. Commissioner	Member
5	B.Syamasundara Rao	Asst. Commissioner	Member
6	JM Kishore	Asst. Commissioner	Member

The following Trade / Custodians Representatives attended the meeting.

S/Shri/Smt

1	PK Ghosh, Jt. Director	DGFT
2	T.S. Damodarao, Manager	APTPC Ltd.
3	K.R.B. Prakash, Hon. Secy	Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association
4	G.Rajesh, Secretary	Visakhapatnam Custom House Agents Association
5	Rolland Williams, Exe. Member	Vizagapatnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry
6	P.V. Jagannath, Exe. Member	
7	Capt. Sudeep Banerjee, DGM	VCTPL
8	M. Subramanian, Manager	
9	M. Mohan Rao, Manager	CWC CFS
10	P.V.V.H Rao	
11	G. Sravan Kumar, Director	Sravan CFS
12	G. Rambabu, Manager	Gateway CFS

1. Shri C. Rajendiran, Chairman welcomed the members of the committee and briefed them on his recent study tour to HM Revenue & Customs, UK organized by Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi.
2. Shri N.Naresh, Deputy Commissioner reviewed the year 2013-14 through a power-point presentation explaining the trends in import, export, customs duty collection etc.,

3.2. With regard to problems faced by Trade relating to non-filing of EGM in time and amending errors in EGM, a committee has been formed to deliberate on the issue in the last PTFC meeting and the Chairman of the committee informed that the issue will be taken up to identify the problems and come out with a solution.

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

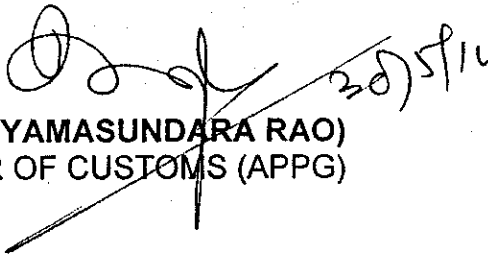
4.1. Shri Rajesh, Secretary of the Visakhapatnam Custom House Association pointed out that the liners are insisting for the original Shipping Bills for SEZ exports and requested that certified copies of the SBs may be accepted as they have to submit the original SBs to the SEZ customs.

The Chairman informed that the issue will be examined and Facility Circular will be issued, if necessary.

4.2. Shri Rajesh further pointed out that it takes 2 to 3 days for vessel's name amendment and this delay is causing difficulty for the Customs Brokers to finalise the vessels in time. The Chairman informed that the matter will be taken up by the committee constituted to deliberate on IGM/EGMs problems.

4.3 Shri G. Rambabu, Manager Gateway CFS seeks clarification whether customs sealed covers are mandatory for movement of empty containers from CFS to factories for stuffing of goods. The Chairman informed that it is not mandatory, however, the issue will be examined with respect to the existing circulars/instructions.

5. The committee decided to hold the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting bi-monthly henceforth, as suggested by the members. The next meeting will be held during July, 2014 and M/s. VCTPL agreed to make a presentation on the logistic sector.


(B.SYAMASUNDARA RAO)
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To,

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