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CUSTOM HOUSE :: PORT AREA :: VISAKHAPATNAM – 530 035**

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**MINUTES OF THE TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
29.01.2015 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	J.Rambabu	Deputy Commissioner	Member
4	A.Syam Sundar	Deputy Commissioner	Member
5	V.Ramanadha Reddy	Asst. Commissioner	Member
6	Anupam Barua	Asst. Commissioner	Member
7	P.Gopichand	Asst. Commissioner	Member
8	JM Kishore	Asst. Commissioner	Member
9	S.K.Dutta	Asst. Commissioner	Member
10	B.Narendra Kumar	Asst. Commissioner	Member
11	T.Ravi Varma	Asst. Commissioner	Member
12	P.V.S.S.Srinivas	Asst. Commissioner	Member

The following Trade / Custodians Representatives attended the meeting.

S/Shri/Smt

1	Samir Mankad, Executive Director	APTPC Ltd.
2	P.V.Jagannath, Chairman	Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association
3	K.R.B. Prakash, Vice Chairman	Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association
4	G.Sambasiva Rao, Chairman	Visakhapatnam Custom House Agents Association
5	V.Sanyasi Rao	Visakhapatnam Custom House Agents Association
6	K.Narsimha Rao	Visakhapatnam Custom House Agents Association
7	Anil Narayanan, Vice President	VCTPL
8	M.Venkateswara Rao, Manager	VCTPL
9	G. Sambasiva Rao, MD	Sravan CFS
10	G. Rambabu, Manager	Gateway CFS
11	M.Mohan Rao, Manager	CWC, CFS
12	S.V.Giri,	Bhavani Shipping (CWC, CFS)

1. Shri C. Rajendiran, Chairman welcomed the members of the committee and thanked them for making International Customs Day held on 27.01.2015 a great success.

2. Shri M.S.Reddy, Joint Commissioner discussed the agenda points submitted by various associations and informed that:

1. Routing of maximum no. of Ferro alloys Shipping Bills through Assessment:

(a) a study on the no. of facilitated Bills of Entry during the previous ten months was done and it is observed that on an average of 49% of Bills of Entry are facilitated. In addition to the above, it is also observed that the percentage of facilitated Bills of Entry increased from 40% in Mar-14 to 58% in Dec-14.

(b) as far as facilitated Shipping Bills are concerned, the study on the previous 20 days revealed that on an average 39% bills are facilitated.

(c) as no fresh targets have been fixed by Local Risk Management Committee (LRM) of this Custom House, Visakhapatnam, the Custom House cannot interfere in the matter.

2. Implementation of 24/7 at VSPL:

The Public Notice No.01/2015 dated 01.01.2015 has already been issued to this effect. Posting of Officers to attend 24/7 operations is being made w.e.f. 01.02.2015.

3. Transfer of Ownership:

On verification, it appears that there is no problem regarding filing of Ex-bond Bill of Entry by an end buyer after obtaining transfer of ownership from the original importers, who files a warehousing Bill of Entry. Members were requested that a specific instance may be given wherein a problem has occurred so as to study and if need be taken up the issue with DG Systems.

4. Cost Recovery (CR) Charges of Customs Officials at CFS:

Proposals have been sent to the Board through the Chief Commissioner's office for grant of exemption of CR charges and also being followed up. The Chairman requested the Trade to make efforts from their side also as it is a policy matter.

5. Appointment of Additional Drug Controller:

The issue has already been taken up with the appropriate authority and the matter would be pursued further. Shri Samir Mankad, Exec. Director, GSEC informed that the appointment of Additional Drug Controller at Visakhapatnam is in advanced stage.

6. Grant of Entry Inwards to be done in time:

It is observed from the screen shot of Entry Inwards in ICES 1.5 that the following details have to be entered by the Boarding Officer for granting Entry Inwards :

1. IGM Number & Date
2. Shipping Line
3. Steamer Agent
4. Port Reporting
5. Terminal Operator
6. Last Port 1, 2 & 3
7. Name of the Master
8. Cargo Description
9. Arrival Date
10. Light House Dues, Payment date & Challan
11. Same Bottom Cargo
12. Crew List Declaration
13. Crew Effect
14. Ship Stores Declaration
15. Passenger List
16. Maritime Declaration
17. Entry Inward

As on today, the ICES 1.5 through VPN is available only at Main Gate, where an officer is posted 24x7. However, the present practice is Boarding Officer has to come from his place of posting, which are located at a radius of 10 Km to the Main Gate after completing the Boarding of the Vessel. It appears that the delay occur mainly only when the officer has to board multiple vessels.

The issue will be further examined to reduce the time taken in granting Entry Inwards and suitable instructions will be issued to the concerned. AC(Prev) to conduct a study on the work carried out in the last one month and make suitable recommendation.

AVOIDANCE OF SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL SHIP CERTIFICATES AT CUSTOM HOUSE FOR ISSUE OF PC:

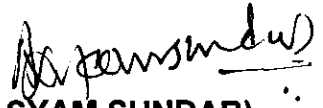
The Member who sponsored the point will make a detailed request which will be examined with reference to statutory provisions and instructions on the subject. After ascertaining the practices in other major Custom Houses, the issue will be further examined and suitable instructions will be issued to the concerned

ISSUE OF INDIAN CURRENCY NOTES TO FOREIGN GOING VESSELS:

The issue will be pursued with the Board for issue of a fresh Circular in accordance with RBI's approval, in place of Circular No.51/99-Cus, dated 12.08.1999.

ONLINE PERMISSIONS:

In reply to a question raised by Shri Garuda Pattabhi Ramayya. Patron, Visakhapatnam Steamship Agents Association regarding online permissions, the Chairman informed that the issues may be studied by the Association in detail and the specifics may be provided to the Department to study the feasibility of the issue and do the needful after ascertaining the practices in other major Custom Houses and in consultation with DG Systems and Ministry.


(A.SYAM SUNDAR)

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