MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC)
MEETING HELD ON 19.12.2019 AT 16.00 HOURS IN CUSTOM HOUSE,
VISAKHAPATNAM

S/Shri/Ms.                  
1  Dr. D.K. Srinivas  Pr. Commissioner  Chairman
2  G Shiril Saroj    Additional Commissioner  Member
3  J M Kishore    Joint Commissioner  Member
4  K Sravana Kumar  Deputy Commissioner  Member
5  P. Madhuree    Deputy Commissioner  Member
6  S L Nagaraj    Assistant Commissioner  Member
7  V R S Sastry   Assistant Commissioner  Member
8  A. K. Majumdar  Assistant Commissioner  Member
9  M K Srivastava  Assistant Commissioner  Member
10 Praveen Arora  Assistant Commissioner  Member
11 S Raghuram    Assistant Commissioner  Member

The following from Participating Government Agencies have attended:

S/Shri/Ms.                  
1  Dr Ramesh B N  JDGFT, Visakhapatnam  Member
2  B. Sandhya  SC D & Head, Bureau of Indian Standards, AP Branch  Member
3  P Prabhakar  Plant Protection officer  Member
4  Dr. P Prasad Rao  Environmental Engineer, AP Pollution Control Board  Member
5  E V Naidu  Inspector representing, AP Police, CSB (Immigration)  Member

The following stakeholders also present:

S/Shri/Ms.                  
1  K Ramachandra Rao  CONCOR MMLP CFS  Member
2  V Pulla Rao    CONCOR MMLP CFS  Member
1. Dr. D. K. Srinivas, Pr. Commissioner of Customs chaired the meeting. At the outset Chairman welcomed all the members. Chairman directed that the power point presentations on Time Release Study of Import / Export clearance and Factory Stuffed containers be made.

2. Shri S Raghu Ram, Assistant Commissioner(EDI) made a power point presentation on Time Release Study on Import Clearance and Export Clearance at Visakhapatnam Seaport. The study was made for the three months period from September, 2019 to November, 2019. It was observed by the Chairman that time taken from filing Bill of Entry from the point of Arrival of vessel was improved in the last 3 months and appreciated the efforts from the stakeholders. Chairman also observed that the time taken from payment of duty to registration of goods is more than 24 hours and advised the Customs Brokers to complete the process quickly and reduce the dwell time, as now the registration can be made online sitting in their office.

3. Chairman observed clearance certification from Participating Government Agencies like Plant Quarantine department, is above 7 days which is affecting average dwell time in clearance of imported goods and requested for standardisation of procedures so that the clearance time from the respective agencies can be reduced to 3 to 4 days. Chairman asked Assistant Commissioner (AM) to take up the matter with the three participating government agencies Animal Quarantine, Plant Quarantine and Drug Control Office intimating the necessity for reduction of dwell time for the bills marked for them.

   Action owner: Assistant Commissioner(AM)

4. Ms. B Sandhya, Scientist & Head, Bureau of Indian Standards, has brought to the notice of the committee about the BIS norms as detailed below:

Imports – Products under compulsory certification of BIS meant for "National Consumption" or "for manufacture of products meant for exports" shall comply to BIS Act, 2016. If a manufacturer manufactures any product by using intermediary product like Hexane which falls under compulsory licence/certification/permission, they need to compulsorily procure intermediary products from BIS certified producers only.
Products under compulsory certification of BIS meant for export shall be disposed in accordance with the Provisions of Bureau of Indian Standards Act 2016, that is, "any product meant for export if not exported due to any reasons, shall not be sold or put to use in India without BIS quality mark".

Chairman, opined that cases that require BIS Certification in respect of goods, meant for exports is very less. However, in respect of imports, the Chairman informed that upto 70% of the Bills of Entry are facilitated by the Risk management System (RMS) without assessment/examination of consignments. As the issue is common to all ports, the Chairman suggested that Apex body of BIS may take up the issue with CBIC for incorporation of suitable mechanism for proper implementation of BIS requirements.

Chairman, asked Bureau of Indian Standards to conduct seminars / workshops to create awareness amongst the stakeholders and customs department. As physical examination of imports consignments by customs, is only on selective basis as selected by the Risk Management system. The Chairman advised Bureau of Indian Standards to take up issues with CBIC Headquarters, so that alerts for sensitive items that require certification of BIS standard can be embedded in the EDI which may help the Customs in clearing items with uniformity across country.

5. Chairman asked Dr. P Prasad Rao, Environmental Engineer, representing Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, to prioritise the cases referred by Customs for clearances or destruction as delay in permission / NOC from Pollution Control Board may give rise to escalation to the Custodians as well as importers/Custom Brokers.

The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking all the members.

This issues with the approval of the Pr. Commissioner.

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(भारत अयुक्त, सीमा शुल्क / ASST. COMMISSIONER (A.M))

To

1. All Members, Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee
   Custom House, Visakhapatnam – by E Mail.
2. The Chief Commissioner, Customs & Central Taxes, Visakhapatnam
3. Supdt(EDI) – with a request to upload in Custom House website.