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**MINUTES OF THE VISAKHAPATNAM LINERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON  
03.08.2017 AT 1500 HOURS IN CONFERENCE HALL, CUSTOM HOUSE,  
VISAKHAPATNAM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

S/Shri/Smt

1	Dr. D.K. Srinivas	Commissioner	Chairman
2	Sudhakar Mishra	Additional Commissioner	Member
3	B. Jyoti Kiran	Dy. Commissioner	Member
4	G.V.S.R. Sarma	Asst. Commissioner	Member
5	P. Gopichand	Asst. Commissioner	Member
6	G.V.V.N.Raju	NIC -officer	Member
7	D.Srinivasa rao	Superintendent	Member
8	Dharamveer	Preventive officer	Member

The following members from Liners Association attended the meeting:-

S/Shri/Smt

1	Bobby Lawrence	Secretary-Vizag Container lines Association
2	I.Venkateswarlu	Vice-President- V.C.L.A
3	Abdul Shabbir	RCL-Line
4	P.venkatesh	Treasurer, VCLA, (CMA/CGM/APL)
5	V.jeevan Vikas	President -VCLA
6	P.S.Arjun	KMTC,YML
7	V.P.subhash	Transworld shipping logistics
8	D.Murali Krishna	Transworld shipping logistics
9	Chaitanya	Transworld shipping logistics.
10	K.Tirumalesh	K-Liners
11	G.Vasu	Focus TransTech shipping
12	K.Manoj	Chakiat Shipping Services
13	B.R.Suresh Babu	Seaways shipping Logistics
14	Raju Biswas	NYK Line(l) Pvt Ltd
15	Santosh Kumar	HMM Line
16	GVS Ramakrishna	Chakiat shipping services
17	Prasad	Omega shipping lines
18	Bobby	Samsara Shipping
19	K.V.Tatan	Transworld gls
20	K,ESwar	Transworld (BLA).
21	V.jeevan Vinod	COSCO

1. At the outset Commissioner welcomed all the participants and introduced him as it was his first meeting with liners Association. Later all the participants introduced themselves. Chairman advised representatives from Liners Association to attend PTFC meetings and avail the opportunity to interact with other stake holders.

2. The following points sponsored by the Visakhapatnam liners Association were taken up for discussion.

- i) *Landing Permission: "Presently we are manually filing and securing landing permission, in spite of filing 1.5 IGM on ICE Gate. Landing permission can be avoided to save time and efforts, since the same data available in EDI".*

The Chairman informed that this issue can be dispensed off as desired by the Liners, but all the liners has to submit Vessel wise report (after berthing of the vessel) to Customs ITP Cell for assigning C.B.No and date to monitor re-export of the said containers liner wise. Public Notice No. 41/2017 dated 27.09.2017 may be referred in this regard.

- ii) *Transshipment Application (T.S.A): "Presently we are obtaining TSA prior vessel sailing, since outbound of Vizag shipments are large, carriers are unable to file exact container numbers which will be loaded onboard the vessel. Request to permit to file T.S.A, post vessel sailing within 03 working days. Above procedure is followed by other ports. This also helps to close bonds on immediate basis. Presently T.S.A's are endorsed both by Superintendent and assistant Commissioner; request same to be endorsed by Superintendent only, mainly to save time."*

The Chairman informed that liners can apply TSA (Transshipment Application) within two days after sailing of the vessel. But liners will be held responsible to load the containers having proper validity. Public Notice No. 41/2017 dated 27.09.2017 may be referred in this regard.

- iii) *Vessel Masters endorsement on Shipping Bill: "Presently Master signs all the loaded containers shipping Bills to close the E.G.M. In other ports, no such procedure exists and EGM is closed basis shipping endorsed by terminal customs".*

The Chairman informed that the endorsement on Shipping Bill by terminal customs will suffice henceforth.

- iv) *Shipping Bill Amendment: "For Shutout containers shipping bills are amended manually. In other ports, no manual amendment of shipping bills are done since, EGM is closed on the sailed vessel".*

The Chairman informed that if there is any shut out/ mismatch, it has to be amended in system only. No manual amendment is allowed.

- v) *Uncleared cargo: "Customs to issue Auction notice to importers with copy to carriers and custodian, after 30 days from the notice of arrival of vessel, for non-clearance of cargo, to speed up the imported containers clearance. If duty is paid, insist custodian to auction the cargo or de stuff and store the cargo in the custodians ware house and release the containers to Carrier".*

The Chairman informed that the necessary instructions were given to all CFS Incharges and AO (Docks) for fast clearance of containers from CFSs and Docks. All CFSs are directed to clear the containers holding uncleared cargo timely.

- vi) *Light house due certificate: "Customs insists on manual signature and stamp on ILH due certificates, in spite ILH due certificate is being downloaded from the D.G.L.L. website, which is generated after deduction of amount from the operators website".*

The Chairman informed that submission of ILH dues certificate downloaded should suffice, if attested by liner/Steamer Agent.

- vii) *Steamer Agency License duration: "Present validity of Steamer Agency issued by Customs is 03 years. Request to issue Steamer Agency license with 10 years validity or with minimum five years validity in line with the Tuticorin and Kolkata".*

The Chairman informed that either they have to follow Cargo handling regulations or Public Notice No 12/2011 dated 15.06.2011.

- viii) *"Service Tax NOC for Steamer Agency license: Since service tax is no longer valid, request to do away with securing NOC for renewal or issuance of Steamer Agency license".*

The Chairman informed that the liners request is accepted as there is no more service tax existing now. But NOC from GST should be submitted. Revised Public Notice NO 35/2017 was issued (An amendment to PN NO.12/2011 dated 15.06.2011) to read "GST Returns" instead of "Service Tax Returns".

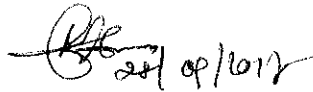
- ix) *"IGM Inward entry & EGM Outward entry: IGM and EGM filed through ICE gate, but inward application needs to be endorsed by Superintendent of Customs, same can be avoided since EDI is available".*

The Chairman informed that an endorsement by Supdt (Imports & Exports) on IGM Inwards and EGM Outwards is dispensed off henceforth.

3. On completion of discussion of the agenda points, the Additional Commissioner took the opportunity to inform the liners to take timely extensions of containers where validity expires.

4. The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking all the members.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs.



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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

To

1. Visakhapatnam Container Lines Association,  
# 10-1-31, Signature Towers, C.B.M. Compound,  
Visakhapatnam-530003.
2. All Members of Visakhapatnam Container Lines Association.

Copy to:

1. The Chief Commissioner, Central Excise, Customs & Service Tax, Visakhapatnam Zone - For information please.
- ✓ 2. Supdt (EDI) - with a request to upload in the Website
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