



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CENTRAL EXCISE & CUSTOMS
VISAKHAPATNAM ZONE 530 035
Central Excise Building, Port Area, Visakhapatnam - 530 035

F. No. VIII/48/03/2015-CC(VZ)

Dated 27.04.2015

Public Notice No. 01/2015

Subject:-Setting up of 'Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee' (CCFC) at Visakhapatnam Zone

<><><>

- 1.** Attention of Trade, Customs Brokers and all other Stake Holders is invited to Board's Circular No.13/2015-Customs, dt.13.04.2015 regarding Setting up of 'Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee' (CCFC).
- 2.** The Government has in recent times taken a number of measures to create an environment for ease of doing business and trade facilitation. The measures include the simplification of Customs procedures, reduction of documents, message exchange between Government agencies engaged in Customs clearance, and use of digital signature for electronic submission of Customs process documents. Continuing in this direction, it has now been decided with the approval of the Cabinet Secretary to establish a high-level administrative body at each seaport and airport with the responsibility of ensuring expeditious Customs clearance of imported and export goods.
- 3.** In this regard it is seen that in terms of the Customs Act, 1962 read with the relevant rules and regulations, imported and export goods are subjected to certain legal and procedural formalities before being permitted clearance by Customs. These requirements include the submission of prescribed documents and adherence to laid down procedures before an appropriate legal order is given by the Customs officer permitting the importer/exporter to clear the goods for the intended purpose. If provisions of other Allied Acts are attracted in respect of the imported/export goods, permission to clear the goods is given by the Customs only after getting the suitable clearance/response/NOC from the Government Department/agency concerned. Some of the major Departments/agencies that are involved in Customs clearance process are as follows:-

 - (i) Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)/Port Health Officer (PHO)
 - (ii) Plant Quarantine Authorities
 - (iii) Animal Quarantine Authorities
 - (iv) Drug Controller of India(CDSO)
 - (v) Textile Commissioner
 - (vi) Wild Life Authorities
- 4.** In addition, the Port Trusts/Custodians and Railways play a critical role in the Customs clearance process by providing the required infrastructure and facilities. Other local agencies concerned with logistics, manpower etc. which operate in the seaports and airports also facilitate the Customs clearance process.

5. Since the aforementioned regulatory agencies are critical contributors to the Customs clearance process of imported and export goods, a delay in receipt of a clearance from one regulatory agency holds up the Customs clearance of the said goods. Lack of adequate infrastructure in the seaport or airport or testing laboratories etc. also contribute to delay in the clearance of imported and export goods. Any other deficiency on account of other stakeholders also enhances the dwell time of cargo as well as the overall turnaround time of carriers. Another important reason for the delay is the improper coordination or absence of efficient coordination amongst Government agencies and other stakeholders involved in the Customs clearance process. Therefore, a view has emerged that these deficiencies can be best removed by institutionalizing at each seaport and airport an administrative mechanism with responsibility of expeditious Customs clearance of imported and export goods and for resolving related trade grievances in a time bound manner.

6. In accordance with direction of the Board, it has been decided to set up a Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) at Visakhapatnam with immediate effect. The CCFC would be headed by the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam Zone. The senior-most functionary of the following departments/agencies/stakeholder, as nominated, will be the members of Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC).

S.No	Organization/Department /Agency	Phone/Fax No.
1	Mrs Deepa B.Dasgupta - Chairperson Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Excise, Visakhapatnam Zone	Phone : 0891-2568837 Fax : 2561942
2	Sri C.Rajendiran, The Principal Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Visakhapatnam	Phone : 0891-2564552 Fax : 2562613
3	Dr.K Satyanarayana Rao, Traffic Manager (Incharge), Visakhapatnam Port Trust.	Phone : 0891-2565301 Fax : 2565023
4	Sri V.Janardhana Rao, Director (Operations), Gangavaram Port Limited.	Phone :0891-2701177 Fax : 2703377
5	SriA.V.Vaitheeswaran, Chief Finance Officer, Visakhapatnam Sea Port (P) Ltd.,	Phone :0891-2556400 Fax : 2556401
6	Capt .Anurag Bhagauliwal, Associate General Manager (Business Head) M/s Adani Vizag Coal Terminal (P) Ltd.,	Phone: 0891-2872112 Fax :
7	Sri D.K.Manial, Chief Executive Officer Vizag General Cargo Berth (P) Ltd,	Phone : 0891-2795696 Fax : 2795698
8	Sri Sushil Mulchadani, Chief Operating Officer, M/s Visakha Container Terminal (P). Ltd.,	Phone : 0891-2877001 Fax : 2739765
9	Sri Umakanta Nayak, Plant Protection Officer (WS), Plant Quarantine Station, Visakhapatnam.	Phone : 0891-2502357 Fax : 2502357
10	Sri B.MadhusudhanaRao, Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, A.P.Pollution Control Board, Visakhapatnam	Phone : 0891-2719480 Fax : -2719380
11	, Shri Yelvendar Yadav, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager Office, VSP	Phone: 0891-2746230 Fax : 2842098
12	Mrs AkhilaPrem, Deputy Director, Export inspection Agency, Visakhapatnam	Phone: 0891-2747141 Fax :
13	Sri G.Ram Babu, Head , M/s. Gateway (East) India Pvt. Ltd	Phone: 0891-3075504 Fax :
14	Sr G.R.Seshagiri Rao, Senior General Manager, M/s Container Corporation of India Ltd, Visakhapatnam	Phone: 0891-2762237 Fax : 2506686
15	D.Lakshamana Rao, Storage & Inspection Officer, M/s Central Warehousing Corporation , Visakhapatnam	Phone: 0891-2762301 Fax : 2762301
16	Sri G.Sravan Kumar, Director M/s.Sravan Shipping Services (P) Ltd	Phone: 0891-2537197 Fax : 2532766
17	Sri Grandhi Rajesh, Director , M/s.VPL Integral CFS(P) Ltd.,	Phone: 0891-2970444 Fax : 6644417
18	Dr. A.Biswas , Port Health Officer, Port Health Organization	Phone: 0891-2562681
19	Sri A.Sreenivasa Rao, Airport Director, Visakhapatnam Airport	Phone:0891-2519924 Fax :

7. Terms of Reference for the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) are as follows:

- (i) Ensuring and monitoring expeditious clearance of imported and export goods in accordance with the timeline specified by the parent Ministry/Department concerned;
- (ii) Identifying and resolving bottlenecks, if any, in the clearance procedure of imported and export goods;
- (iii) Initiating Time Release Studies for improvement in the clearance time of imported and export goods;
- (iv) Having internal consultations to speed up the clearance process of imported and export goods and recommending best practices thereto for consideration of CBEC/ Departments / Agencies concerned; and
- (v) Resolving grievances of members of the trade and industry in regard to clearance process of imported and export goods.

The CCFC shall meet once a week or more frequently, if considered necessary by the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam Zone.

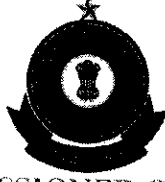
8. Contact details of the chairperson of the CCFC is as under:

Smt Deepa B. Das Gupta,
Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Excise,
Central Excise Building, Port area, Visakhapatnam -530 035
Phone- 0891-2568837 Fax- 0891-2561942
Email: spsccovz-apnic@in

Sd/-
 (DEEPA B.DASGUPTA)
 CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF
 CUSTOMS & CENTRAL EXCISE,
 VISAKHAPATNAM ZONE

Copy to:-

1. The Member (Customs),
 Government of India,
 Ministry of Finance,
 Department of Revenue,
 Central Board of Excise and Customs,
New Delhi.
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs,
 Custom House, Visakhapatnam.
3. All members of CCFC.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS & CENTRAL EXCISE
CENTRAL EXCISE BLDG: PORT AREA: VISAKHAPATNAM: 530 035

F.No. F. No. VIII/48/03/2015-CC(VZ)

Dated 27.04.2015

To,

1. Sri C.Rajendiran,
The Principal Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Visakhapatnam.
2. Dr.K Satyanarayana Rao, Traffic Manager (Incharge), Visakhapatnam Port Trust.
3. Sri V.Janardhana Rao, Director (Operations), Gangavaram Port Limited.
4. SriA.V.Vaitheeswaran, Chief Finance Officer,
Visakhapatnam Sea Port (P) Ltd
5. Capt .Anurag Bhagauliwal, Associate General Manager (Business Head)
M/s Adani Vizag Coal Terminal (P) Ltd.,
6. Sri D.K.Manial, Chief Executive Officer Vizag General Cargo Berth (P) Ltd
7. Sri Sushil Mulchadani, Chief Operating Officer,
M/s Visakha Container Terminal (P). Ltd.
8. Sri Umakanta Nayak, Plant Protection Officer (WS),
Plant Quarantine Station, Visakhapatnam.
9. Sri B.MadhusudhanaRao, Joint Chief Environmental Engineer,
A.P.Pollution Control Board, Visakhapatnam
10. Shri Yelvendar Yadav, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager,
Divisional Railway Manager Office, VSP
11. Mrs AkhilaPrem, Deputy Director,
Export inspection Agency, Visakhapatnam
12. Sri G.Ram Babu, Head , M/s. Gateway (East) India Pvt. Ltd.
13. Sr G.R.Seshagiri Rao, Senior General Manager,
M/s Container Corporation of India Ltd, Visakhapatnam
14. D.Lakshamana Rao, Storage & Inspection Officer,
M/s Central Warehousing Corporation , Visakhapatnam
15. Sri G.Sravan Kumar, Director M/s.Sravan Shipping Services (P) Ltd
16. Sri Grandhi Rajesh, Director , M/s.VPL Integral CFS(P) Ltd.,
17. Dr. A.Biswas , Port Health Officer, Port Health Organization, Visakhapatnam
18. Sri A.Sreenivasa Rao, Airport Director, Visakhapatnam Airport

Madam/Sir,

Subject: - Setting up of Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee
(CCFC) – reg.

<><><>

Please refer to this office letter of even no. dated 22.04.2015 and Public Notice No.01/2015 dated 27.04.2015 issued on the above subject. (Copy enclosed).

2. In this connection, it is to inform that the first Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) will be held on **01.05.2015 at 3.00 p.m. at Conference Hall, 1st Floor, Central Excise Building, Port Area, Visakhapatnam.** Therefore, you requested make it convenient to attend the meeting.

3. This issues with the approval of Chief Commissioner.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(SUDHAKAR MISHRA)
Joint Commissioner (CCO)

Encl:- As above.