

**Office of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Central Excise  
and Service Tax, Visakhapatnam Zone, Visakhapatnam**

Place : Visakhapatnam

Date : 15.09.2016

<b><u>Minutes of the Meeting</u></b>	
1	<p><b>The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee was held on 15.09.2016 at the Office of the Chief Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Zone. Shri C. Rajendiran, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Visakhapatnam, chaired the meeting.</b></p> <p><b>The following persons attended the meeting:</b></p>
2	<b>List of Participants</b>
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S.No	Organization/Department /Agency
1	Sri Sudhakar Mishra, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Visakhapatnam
2	Sri S. Raghuram, Asst. Commissioner, Chief Commissioner's Office, Visakhapatnam
3	Sri B. Narendra Kumar, Asst. Commissioner of Customs, Authorised officer for FSSAI
4	Sri Jaidev Vandanam, Traffic Manager, VPT
5	Shri B. Ratna Sekhar Rao, DTM, Visakhapatnam Port Trust
6	Sri R. Lakshmanan, AGM (Operations), Airport Authority of India Ltd
7	K. S. Rao, Senior Manager, SM, Airport Authority of India
8	Sri Umakant Nayak, Plant Quarantine Officer (WS), Plant Quarantine Station, Visakhapatnam
9	Sri Anil Narayanan, Vice President, Visakhapatnam Container Terminal Limited Pvt. Ltd
10	Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, Sr. Manger, Visakhapatnam Container Terminal Limited Pvt. Ltd
11	Sri Sanjay Dutta, Business Head, Adani Vizag Coal Terminal P Ltd
12	KVSV Prasad, Executive Assistant, Adani Vizag Coal Terminal P Ltd
13	Sri G. Rambabu, Sr. Manager, Gateway CFS P Ltd, Visakhapatnam
14	Sri G. Sravan Kumar, Director, M/s. Sravan Shipping Services Pvt Ltd, Container Freight Station, Visakhapatnam
15	Sri D. Lakshmana Rao, Storage & Inspection officer, CWC CFS
16	Sri T. Subramanyan, Executive (Operations), Visakhapatnam Sea Port Ltd
17	Sri Chaitanya, Operations, Visakhapatnam Sea Port Limited

The following Members of the CCFC did not attend the meeting.

- 1) Sri M.T. Krishna Babu, Chairman, Visakhapatnam Port Trust
- 2) Sri M. Yelvender Yadav, Sr. D.C.M, East Coast Railways, Waltair Division, Visakhapatnam
- 3) Sri Vinod Sharma, Director, Visakhapatnam Airport
- 4) Sri G. Seetha Ram Reddy , Joint DGFT, Visakhapatnam
- 5) Smt. Akhila Prem, Deputy Director, Export Inspection Agency, Visakhapatnam
- 6) Sri BVSN Rao, Head, BIS, Visakhapatnam
- 7) Dr. B. Madhusudhana Rao, Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, AP Pollution Control Board, Visakhapatnam
- 8) Sri Amith Gayan, Port Health Officer, Visakhapatnam (?)
- 9) Sri D. Rajeswara Rao, Asst. Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam
- 10) Sri PBN Prasad, Dy. Drug Controller, Hyderabad
- 11) Sri A.V. Vaitheeswaran, Chief Finance Officer, Vizag Sea Port (P) Ltd
- 12) Sri V. Janardhana Rao, Director (Operations), Gangavaram Port Ltd.
- 13) Capt Anurag Bhagauliwal, Associate General Manager, Business Head M/s. Adani Vizag Coal Terminal P Ltd
- 14) Sri D.K. Manral, CEO, Vizag General Cargo Berth (P) Ltd
- 15) Sri Sushil Moolchandani, Chief Operating Officer, M/s. Visakha Container Terminal (P) Ltd

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED BY ALTERNATES**

1	Sri Vinod Sharma, Director, Visakhapatnam Airport
2	Sri M.T. Krishna Babu, Chairman, Visakhapatnam Port Trust
3	Sri A.V. Vaitheeswaran, Chief Finance Officer, Visakhapatnam
4	Capt. Anurag Bhagauliwal, Associate General Manager, Business Head M/s. Adani Vizag Coal Terminal P Ltd

**3 The meeting discussed new issues (Mention Issue IDs) listed in the attached CCFS Progress Report. Additional issues (Mention Issue IDs) were also discussed.**

**NO NEW ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED**

**4 The following are the key areas where the CCFC has made progress:**

**1. Integration of Port Community System (PCS) with ICES: (CCFC Issue Tracker No: VTZ-003):-**

Out of 20 messages to be shared

- 1. 14 messages are to be sent by Customs; and**
- 2. 6 messages are to be sent by Port Trust.**

**Customs to PCS (14 messages)**

As of now, only eight (8) messages are being sent from Customs to PCS and it is confirmed by the Ports that all of them are being received by them.

**PCS to Customs (06 messages)**

12 messages are yet to be developed by ICEGATE. 6 messages were sent by PCS directly to Customs EDI. They were directed to send the messages through ICEGATE- Action pending with VPT.

**PCS to Stake holders:**

As regards other 6 (six) messages, Helpdesk Team, ICEGATE informed that as per Business Policies, the message are not being generated for CFS as of yet.

**Action pending : DG Systems/ Customs**

**VPT** vide their letter No. ITRA/CB(E)/F.MTY dated 20.06.2016 **has submitted Recommendations of DG (Shipping)** for Ease of Doling in Shipping Sector. The action taken by the Department in respect of the recommendations of DG (Shipping) were briefed as hereunder:

1. Multiple IGM Copies- CBEC vide Circular dated 15/01/2015 has restricted the submission of IGM to two (2) sets. Hence, the matter stands resolved.
2. Rotation Number- Vessels Rotation number is being generated in ICES module in Visakhapatnam.
3. Port Clearance- Board is in the process of developing module for submission of supplementary documents online. As there is no exclusive coastal berth in VPT, the statutory requirement cannot be dispensed with.
4. Sub Manifest Transshipment Permit(SMTP) Procedure- CBEC vide Circular dated 15/01/2015 has restricted the submission of SMPT to two (2) sets. Hence, the matter stands resolved.
5. Duty on container in case of total loss- It is a policy matter and has been referred to Board.
6. Delay in granting Entry Inward- The Main Gate Officer posted at Jubilee Gate 24 x 7 is authorised to grant Entry inward in system immediately after the Boarding of the vessel. Hence, the matter stands resolved.
7. Minor Amendments- The issue is referred to the Board and is under consideration.
8. Mate Receipt- The issue is referred to the Board and is under consideration.
9. Customs demanding seal- Customs Seal is mandatory. However, the matter is referred to the Board. Action pending with CBEC/DoR.
10. Scanning- The procurement and installation of scanner is under process- Action Pending with Visakhapatnam Port Trust.
11. NOC for amendment of BL to enable transfer of goods- Legal advice tendered by CSLA has been forwarded to Board. Revised guidelines/Notifications are under issue.
12. PQ, Health etc. are demanding hard copies of documents- Action pending with DoR.
13. Simplification of EGM filing (TR1/ TR2 copies)- Action pending with CBEC/DoR.
14. Mismatch of Seal number- In case of mismatch, 100% examination is mandatory.
15. Movement of Cargo to ICD - Matter has been resolved.
16. Endorsement of Shipping Bill by the Preventive Officer- This is a policy matter and module has to be developed by the Board.
17. UAC Container- The problem lies with the Custodian. As per Section 48 of Customs Act, Cargo should be brought immediately to the notice of Customs. Perishable goods should be cleared on war footing basis. Whatever is pending for disposal should immediately be informed to Customs. It is in the interest of Custodian. All the pending cargo should be cleared.

<p>Regarding setting up of Office of Addl. Drug Controller at Visakhapatnam, the Chairman observed that the Drug Controller Office is not yet established at Visakhapatnam port, despite the required space allotted by the VPT authorities. As the representative from Drug Controller authorities was not present, Chairman directed VPT authorities to pursue with the Dy. Drug Controller Hyderabad</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action : VPT/ Dy. Drug Controller, Hyderabad</b></p>
<p>In the previous meeting, the representative of VCTPL, submitted that the Customs Department may adopt sealing of stuffed export containers sealed with RFID Tags. The Chairman asked VCTPL to submit a comprehensive proposal. The same is awaited.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action: VCTPL</b></p>
<p>Integrated Customs Systems (ICS)- The Chairman informed the members that CBEC is planning for an Integrated Customs Systems which will subsume ICES, ICEGATE and RMS into single system which will cater to all the Customs business requirements. He told that it is very beneficial and requested all the members to give their comment/suggestions on the proposed System.</p>
<p>Sri G. Rambabu, Senior Manager, Gateway said that the procedure for Plant Quarantine Clearance should be expedited. Sri Umakant Nayak, Plant Quarantine Officer told that he will take up the matter with higher formations.</p>
<p>The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking all the members for their co-operation.</p>