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MINUTES OF THE CCFC MEETING

The 18th meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee was held on 30.05.2018 at 3.00 pm in Conference Hall, 1st Floor, Custom House, Visakhapatnam. Shri Y.S. Shahrawat, Chief Commissioner, Goods and Service tax and Customs, chaired the meeting. The list of participants is annexed.

1. At the outset Chairman welcomed all the members.
2. Shri. P.V.S.S Srinivas, Assistant Commissioner of Customs made a power point presentation on Time Release Study of Import and Export Clearance at Visakhapatnam Seaport. The above study was for the period January to March, 2018. The analysis of all stages of import and export clearance was presented.

The analysis reflected that the dwell time for import/Export clearances was satisfactory. However, Chairman observed that there is a need for improvement in filing of prior bill of entry and filing of EGM and urged all members to sensitize the trade. Dr. D.K.Srinivas, Commissioner of Customs informed that 55-60% are prior entry of bills and that they are discussing this issue with trade in PTFC meetings and expressed hope that there will be a improvement. He also informed that E-payment on exports in ICES is started and it is facilitation to exporters. Chairman requested the cooperation of all members concerned for reduction of dwell time in Export/Import clearances.

3. No new points were brought up for discussion by the members. However, action taken report in respect of the issues raised in the last meeting was circulated.
4. When enquired, if there were any other points for discussion, the members put forth the following issues :

(a) VCH Public Notice No.20/2018-

Dr. D.K.Srinivas, Commissioner brought PN No.20/2018 issued on 29.05.2018 to the notice of all members. This PN relates to Delayed, incomplete or incorrect filing of Import Manifest or Import Report. Commissioner added that now IGM amendment is categorized into major and minor amendments. All minor amendments will be approved on the same day of submitting application along with all required documents and major amendments will be generally approved within 24 hours of submission of application. He further encouraged the trade to file advance/prior entry of bills since the process of IGM amendment is simplified.

- (b) Traffic Congestion from VCTPL to CFS's was also discussed. Commissioner stated that a study is being conducted by Custom House, Visakhapatnam with regard to time taken by containers to reach CFS's. He remarked that there is lot of scope for reduction of time taken and urged the

this issue is being discussed many time for last one year but of no use. He also proposed that a timely meeting should be arranged at VCTPL with trade, CFS's, VCTPL authorities and customs officials to discuss the issue. Chairman asked all members and trade to formulate a plan in this regard.

Action: CFS/VCTPL

- (c) The matter of enrollment of business entities to AEO programme was also discussed. The chairman once again highlighted the benefits of the programme and urged all the members to sensitize the stakeholders to enroll for the programme. All the members assured that they are convincing the business entities for enrollment to the programme and will continue to do the same.
- (d) Chairman urged upon all the members of the trade to make use of Direct Port Delivery and avail benefit by saving on handling & storage charges and reduction in transportation charges etc., The prompt and timely delivery of DPD containers will help in reducing transaction cost for the importer. Chairman also remarked that there is no increase in volume of Direct Port Delivery. Shri G.Sambasiva Rao, MD, Sravan Shipping informed that costs are less in Vizag compared to other ports and importers are comfortable with the existing practice. Chairman asked Shri G.Sambasiva Rao to give a detailed write up regarding the same.
- (e) Shri Ch.Ravindra, SS Logistics brought to the notice of Commissioner that sometimes RFID tags at VCTPL gate are not working properly during night times and vehicles are being sent back. Commissioner directed VCTPL to resolve the issue and Assistant Commissioner, Preventive to conduct a detailed study on this issue.

Action: VCTPL/Customs

(f) The following pending issues from previous meeting were posted to next meeting as action is pending with concerned.

- (i) Disposal of unclaimed/uncleared cargo pending for want of PQ clearance.

Action: PQO/Customs

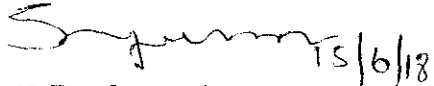
- (ii) Chemical Examiner was directed to reduce time for test reports in all cases including ilmenite.

Action: Chemical Examiner, Customs Lab

- (iii) Shipping lines were directed to start issuing e-Deliver orders at Visakhapatnam through Customs and Port platforms as they were already doing it at Nhava Sheva and Chennai on real time basis.

Action: All Shipping Lines

The meeting concluded with thanks to and from the chair.


(S.Raghuram)
Assistant Commissioner

List of Participants:

S.No	Name S/Shri	Designation
1	Dr. D.K.Srinivas	Commissioner of Customs
2	Sudhakar Mishra	Additional Commissioner of Customs
3	S.Raghuram	Assistant Commissioner of Customs
4	G.V.S.R. Sarma	Assistant Commissioner of Customs
5	P Gopichand	Assistant Commissioner of Customs
6	P.V.S.S.Srinivas	Assistant Commissioner of Customs
7	P.Karmakar	Chemical Examiner Grade-I
8	B.Ratna Sekhar Rao	Sr.DTM, Visakhapatnam Port Trust
9	Umakanta Nayak	Plant Protection Officer, Plant Quarantine
10	S.Raghavulu	Inspector of Police, Immigration, Visakhapatnam International Airport.
11	B.Kartheek	Manager(operations), AAI, Visakhapatnam International Airport.
12	G Sravan Kumar	Director, Sravan CFS
13	P.Babu Rao	President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association
14	K Ramachandram	Concor MMLP CFS
15	U.Pullarao	Concor CFS
16	P.Rajendra	Visakha CFS
17	G.sambasivarao	M.D., Sravan Shipping
18	M.Venu Gopal	Secretary, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association
19	K.Venkateswarao	CAO, Vizag Seaport Pvt Ltd
20	Srinivas Chaganti	GM, Vizag Seaport Pvt Ltd
21	G.Rambabu	Sr Manager, Gateway CFS
22	M.Vinay Kumar	Manager, Sical CFS
23	Ch.Ravindra	Proprietor, SS Logistics

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All members.

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