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### **MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC)** **MEETING HELD ON 27.12.2018 AT 16.00 HOURS** **IN CUSTOM HOUSE, VISAKHAPATNAM**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

S/Shri/Smt

1	Dr.D.K.Srinivas	Pr. Commissioner	Chairman
2	G. Shiril Saroj	Additional Commissioner	Member
3	N. Varun Koundinya	Deputy Commissioner	Member
4	C. Damodaran	Assistant Commissioner	Member
5	G. Dharmaraj	Assistant Commissioner	Member
6	P. Madhuree	Assistant Commissioner	Member
7	G.V.S.R. Sarma	Assistant Commissioner	Member
8	T.E. Srikanth	Assistant Commissioner	Member
9	N.V. Ramdas	Assistant Commissioner	Member

The following Trade Members / Custodians attended the meeting:

S/Shri/Smt

1	P. Babu Rao	President, CHA Association.
2	M. Venu Gopal	Secretary, Visakhapatnam CB Association
3	I Venkatesawarulu	GM, BTL
4	B Prasad	Branch, Manager, M/s WAN HAI Lines Ltd
5	Capt. Amarendra Mishra	DGM, VCTPL
6	G. Rambabu	Manager, Gateway CFS
7	K V Sampath Kumar	Managing Director, M/s Rich Mark Shipping
8	Bharat Kumar Jangeti	Manager, GSEC
9	CH Ravindra Kumar	Proprietor, M/s S S Logistics

10	L. Srinivas Rao	Manager, M/s Harika Shipping
11	Syed Arif Ahmed	Sr. Excutive, M/s Sarat Chatterjee & Co
12	D Rajesh	Sr. Excutive, M/s Trasnsworld GIS
13	P Santosh	Sr. Executive, M/s Seaways
14	M Nagesh	Jr. Manager, M/s Bothra Shipping
15	T Balagandhi	Executive, M/s Sima Marine (I) Pvt Ltd

1. At the outset Chairman welcomed all the members. As no points were sponsored by the stake holders, Chairman directed that the power point presentation on Time Release Study on Import / Export clearance be made.

2. Shri N. Varun Koundinya, Deputy Commissioner (EDI) made a power point presentation on ***Time Release Study of Import Clearance and Export Clearance at Visakhapatnam Commissionerate*** for the three months period from September, to November, 2018 which includes the dwell time for bulk and containers separately and also comparison of dwell time with other ports. During the power point presentation, the stages of clearance where Commissioner made certain observations and gave specific directions are detailed below.

### 3.1 IMPORT CLEARANCE

#### **Entry inward to Out of Charge**

Total number of days taken from Entry inward to Out of charge in the month of November is 8.8 days against 10.3 days and 11.4 days taken in the month of September and October, 2018, respectively. However, as per Trade Facilitation action plan, the target is 03 days for all stages of clearance of goods.

Shri Amarendra Mishra, DGM, VCTPL informed that it may be due to longer time taken by Importers to get the documents released from the bank and Shri. M Venugopal, Secretary, Visakhapatnam CB Association informed that one of the reasons for the delay may be due to delay in issue of Delivery Order from Liner side during weekends as they do not work on Saturdays and Sundays. Also, he opined that if arrangements are made by Liners to accept the payment through digital mode, the delay in issue Delivery Order could be minimized.

B. Prasad, Branch Manager of the Shipping Line, M/s.WAN HAI, informed that the delay is due to untimely submission of documents by Importers/CBs.

DC (EDI, submitted that the issue was discussed in a meeting organised with liners recently to arrive at a solution to this problem but the Liners expressed their difficulties due to their Company Policies but promised to discuss with Importers/ CB association to arrive at a solution to this problem.

- Chairman suggested that all stakeholders to come forward to solve this issue in mutual interest and asked the Liners representatives to check up with their counterparts in Nhava Sheva with regard to feasibility of making available the online payment mode at this port to facilitate the trade. It will reduce the facilitation cost for liners as well as dwell time for clearance of cargo.

Action Owner: Customs/importers/CB/Liners

### 3.2 **Dwell Time report on Bulk Cargo**

A comparative study was made for bulk cargo in the month of November in respect of Vizag (INVTZ1) and Gangavaram (INGGV) ports which is as given below.

Locations	Cargo	BEs filed	Assment to Payment (days)	Arrival to OOC (days)
Visakhapatnam	Bulk	344	6.02	7.19
Gangavaram	Bulk	160	1.76	5.40

It was observed by the Chairman that the Gangavaram Port is taking almost two days lesser than Visakhapatnam Port for clearance of Bulk cargo. M Venugopal, Secretary, VCBA said that most of the goods imported through Gangavaram port pertain to M/s. RINL who may make early duty payment and get the goods cleared at the earliest.

Other trade representatives stated that Berthing delays and rake allocations are also the major reasons for delay in Vizag Port.

- Chairman expressed his concern that it is causing unnecessary losses to importers and delaying the time of clearance of cargo in respect of Visakhapatnam port (INVTZ1) and directed the stake holders and AC (Docks) to take up the issue with Vizag Port authorities to minimize the delay.

Action Owner: Importers/CB/Liners

### 3.3 **Export Clearance**

#### **Dwell time report on Shipping bills**

In two stages **(A) Filing of SB – LEO** and **(B) EGM – DBK Sanction**, dwell time in last three months from September to November are at par which is almost 2.50 days. However, dwell time in LEO - EGM filing stage for the same period is 12.26 days showing some drastic increase of almost 03 days in the month of November when compared to previous two months which are 9.51 days in September and 8.23 days in October.

<b>DWELL TIME REPORT ON SB FOR THREE MONTHS</b>			
	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>LEO- EGM</b>	9.51 days	8.23 days	12.26 days

B. Prasad, Branch Manager of the Shipping Line, M/s.WAN HAI replied that in general dwell time for all three stages is almost 07 days. They are closing the EGM within seven days.

- Chairman suggested that Liner Association should come together to evolve a mechanism to reduce the dwell time by anticipating the changes in trend of trade in future. Chairman also alerted them to be ready for the new EGM regulations that will come into force shortly.

*Action Owner : Customs Brokers/Liners)*

### **3.4 Drawback**

DC (EDI), informed that there is improvement in EGM filing to drawback sanction stage. It has now come to 2.14 days against 3.51 days in September and 2.90 days in October.

- Chairman remarked that the performance for this stage is satisfactory as of now but reiterated that drawback claims should be complete in all respect and bank and PFMS detail should be properly updated from client side. He mentioned that 90% of drawback is cleared in 3 days and 10% are pending for various reasons.

*Action Owner: AC (Dbk)*

- 4 As no other point raised by the members, the meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking all the members.
- 5 This issues with the approval of the Pr. Commissioner.

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All Members, Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee  
Custom House, Visakhapatnam – by E Mail.

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The Chief Commissioner of Central Tax & Customs, Visakhapatnam Zone.

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