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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC) &
PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC) MEETING**

The 19th meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) was held on 14.11.2018 along with the meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) at 4 PM in Conference Hall, 1st Floor, Custom House, Visakhapatnam. Shri Dr. D.K. Srinivas, Commissioner of Customs chaired the meeting.

1. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A. Customs Department

S. No.	Name S/Shri/Smt	Designation
1	G. Shiril Saroj	Additional Commissioner
2	N. Varun Koundinya	Deputy Commissioner
3	C. Damodaran	Assistant Commissioner
4	G. Dharmaraj	Assistant Commissioner
5	P. Madhuree	Assistant Commissioner
6	G.V.S.R. Sarma	Assistant Commissioner
7	T.E. Srikanth	Assistant Commissioner
8	J.S. Mor	Assistant Commissioner
9	A. K. Majumdar	Assistant Commissioner
10	N.V. Ramdas	Assistant Commissioner
11	B. Ajay Kumar	Assistant Commissioner
12	J.A. Minz	Assistant Commissioner

B. Other Government Agencies

S. No.	Name S/Shri/Smt	Designation
1	G.R.S. Yaagi	Deputy Traffic Manager, Visakhapatnam Port Trust
2	Dr. Pradeep P.E.	Asst. Plant Protection Officer, Plant Quarantine Station, Vizag
3	P. Prabhakar	Plant Protection Officer, Plant Quarantine Station, Vizag
4	L. Rajendra Prasad	Senior Manager (Operations), AAI, Visakhapatnam International Airport

C. Trade

S. No.	Name S/Shri/Smt	Designation
1.	M. Venu Gopal	Secretary, Visakhapatnam CB Association
2.	G. Rambabu	Senior Manger, Gateway CFS
3.	K.V.Sampath Kumar	Managing Director, Rich Mark Shipping
4.	B.V. Suresh Babu	Executive Committee Member, VCLA, Visakhapatnam
5.	P. Ganesh	Executive, Maersk Line
6.	V. Rajesh	Manager, Materials & Logistics, SNF (India) Pvt. Ltd., Visakhapatnam
7.	Ravi Kumar	Senior Manager, Jindal Stainless Limited, Visakhapatnam
8.	Sandeep Mohanty	Assistant Manager, Jindal Stainless Limited, Visakhapatnam
9.	S. Neeraj Kumar	Executive, Sri Gayatri Shipping & Logistics
10.	Avesh Kumar	Senior Manger, Puyvast Maritime India Ltd.
11.	L. Srinivasa Rao	Executive, Harika Shipping & Logistics
12.	G.S. Reddy	Executive, Sai Gowri Shipping
13.	Ch. Venu Babu	Executive, Sravan Shipping
14.	V. Rajesh	Executive, Relay Shipping
15.	V.L.V. Ramakrishna	Sr. Executive, Sri Gayatri Shipping

2. At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the members and shared the appreciatory message from Chairman, CBIC with regard to the improvement in "Ease of Doing Business" as reflected in the recent World Bank's ranking where India jumped to 77th place from 120th in 2017. While appreciating the co-operation received from the trade and stake holders such as Customs Brokers/importers & exporters/CFS operators/Custodians in improving the ease of doing business, Chairman requested the trade and stake holders to come forward to work together without any lag to further improve the ease of doing business.

3. Shri N. Varun Koundinya, Deputy Commissioner of Customs made a power point presentation on Time Release Study on Import Clearance and Export Clearance at Visakhapatnam Seaport for the three months period from August, 2018 to October, 2018. The analysis of all stages of import and export clearance was presented.

4. The observations/directions made by the Chairman during the course of the presentation are as under:

4.1 The average cumulative percentage for registration of BEs within 24 hrs of payment of duty is only 19.96%. Chairman observed that this stage needs to be improved. He informed the members regarding the implementation of online registration of goods recently where the importer/Customs Brokers have now been given the option to register the goods online through their login on the ICEGATE website without needing to physically present the documents before the goods registration officer. Chairman requested the members to utilize the facility and improve the performance.

Action owner: Importers/Customs Broker

4.2 The average cumulative percentage where out of charge was granted within 24 hrs, 48 hrs and 72 hrs of arrival of vessel was 11.70%, 21.88% and 33.80% respectively. Chairman stated that as per the National Trade Facilitation Action Plan 2017-2020, the target for overall cargo release time in respect of sea cargo is within 3 days (72 hrs) and hence, there is a huge scope for improvement as only 1/3rd of the BEs are granted out of charge within 72 hrs at present. Chairman requested all the members to strive and reduce/improve the dwell time in import clearance.

Action owner: Customs/Importers/CB

4.3 During the discussion, Shri M. Venugopal, Secretary, VCBA pointed out that the container terminal M/s. VCTPL is charging extra charges in respect of DPD containers. Chairman informed that M/s. VCTPL submitted in writing that as per the tariff approved by TAMP, there is a shifting charge @Rs. 2309/- for every container, however, in respect of DPD containers they are charging only one shifting charge per container and that too at a discounted rate of Rs. 1385/- per container even though there are multiple shifting involved. Hence, Chairman directed Shri M. Venugopal to submit in writing with evidence the charges levied by M/s. VCTPL in respect of DPD containers.

Action owner: VCBA

4.4 The average cumulative percentage where SBs were assessed on the same day of filing of SBs was 47.18% and within 6-7 days of filing of SBs was 99.86%. The overall dwell time taken from filing of SBs to LEO for October was 2.67 days. Commissioner directed AC (Exports) to improve the performance in assessment of SBs within the same day of filing of SBs.

Action owner: AC(Exports)

5. As no new points were sponsored by the members, Chairman directed DC (Imp) to call for meeting with the liners with regard to the difficulties faced by the importers in getting the Delivery Orders which was discussed in the earlier PTFC meeting.

Action owner: DC (Imports)

6. Chairman invited the members to discuss/express any issues. Shri M. Venugopal, Secretary, VCBA stated that they are putting efforts to sensitize and motivate their clients to apply for AEO status. Chairman thanked for the co-operation from the trade and requested them to continue the good work as it will improve trade facilitation and dwell time considerably. Chairman also informed the meeting that CBIC is in the process of signing Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with 28 countries including South-East Asian countries, East African countries, Europe and USA which will be beneficial for AEO T2 and T3, and hence, encourage AEO T1 certificate holders to apply for AEO T2.

7. Shri Ravi Kumar, Senior Manager, M/s. Jindal Stainless Limited pointed out the difficulties faced by them in clearance of import of unshredded scraps due to the restrictions imposed by DGFT. Chairman informed that the restriction is imposed only due to security reasons and the matter is being taken up by Ministry of Commerce with DGFT and it is expected that it will be resolved soon. In the meantime, DGFT has extended the deadline for installation and operationalisation of Radiation Portal Monitors and Container scanner in the designated ports upto 31.03.2018. In this regard, it is learnt from the Senior Deputy Traffic Manager, Visakhapatnam Port Trust that the Radiation Portal Monitors and Container scanner will be installed at Visakhapatnam Port by the end of December, 2018.

8. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner.

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