



सीमा शुल्क प्रधान आयुक्त का कार्यालय

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

सीमा शुल्क सदन :: पत्तन क्षेत्र :: विशाखपट्टनम - 530035

CUSTOM HOUSE :: PORT AREA :: VISAKHAPATNAM - 530 035

फा. सं/F.No.S23/175/97-AP(Vol.V)

दिनांक/ Date: 27.05.2019

MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC) MEETING HELD ON 23.05.2019 AT 16.00 HOURS IN CUSTOM HOUSE, VISAKHAPATNAM

MEMBERS PRESENT

S/Shri/Smt

1	Dr. D.K.Srinivas	Principal Commissioner	Chairman
2	G. Shiril Saroj	Additional Commissioner	Member
3	N. Varun Koundinya	Deputy Commissioner	Member
4	C. Damodaran	Deputy Commissioner	Member
5	G. Dharmaraj	Deputy Commissioner	Member
6	Ms. P. Madhuree	Deputy Commissioner	Member
7	N.V. Ramdas	Assistant. Commissioner	Member
8	G.V.S.R. Sarma	Assistant Commissioner	Member
9	T.E. Srikanth	Assistant Commissioner	Member
10	A. K. Majumdar	Assistant Commissioner	Member
11	Praveen Arora	Assistant Commissioner	Member
12	B. Ajay Kumar	Assistant Commissioner	Member
13	P. Karmakar	Chemical Examiner Gr. I	Member

The following Trade Members / Custodians attended the meeting:
S/Shri

1	P. Babu Rao	President, Visakhapatnam CB
2	M. Venu Gopal	Secretary, Visakhapatnam CB
3	S. Pushpa Raj	Dy. Director, Confederation of Indian
4	M.S. Jolly	Vice President, M/s. VCTPL
5	Capt. Amerindra Mishra	DGM, M/s. VCTPL
6	G. Rambabu	Senior Manager, Gateway CFS
7	R. Desikan	Director, Satva Visakha CFS
8	Bobby Lawrence	Secretary Visakhapatnam Container Lines Assn.
9	J. Sarma	Sr. Executive, Shiridi Sai shipping
10	Satish Vepuri	Dy. Manager, M/s. GSEC Ltd. (Air Cargo)
11	K.V. Sampath Kumar	Managing Director, Rich Mark Shipping
12	Ch. Venubabu	Manager, Sravan Shipping Services

13	M. Nageswara Rao	Manager, R&Y Logistics P Ltd.,
14	B. Mahapatra	Asst. Manager, Boxco Shipping Services

1. At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the members attended. As no points were sponsored by the trade associations, Chairman directed that the power point presentations on Time Release Study of Import / Export clearance and Public/Trade Notices issued in the recent three months be made

2. Shri N. Varun Koundinya, Deputy Commissioner made a power point presentation on Time Release Study on Import Clearance and Export Clearance at Visakhapatnam Seaport. The study was made for the three months period from February 2019 to April 2019. In addition to the analysis of all stages of import/export clearances, Dwell Time Report on BEs and SBs, and status report on DPD were also presented.

3. The observations/directions made by the Chairman and discussions during the course of the presentation on Time Release Study are as under:

3.1 IMPORT CLEARANCE

The percentage of RMS facilitated bills where no assessment and no examination prescribed during the last three months increased from 65.80% to 72.27%. The cumulative percentage for registration of goods within 24 hrs of payment of duty was only 29.62% and within 72 hrs was 66.69%.

- The Chairman advised the Customs Brokers/importers to use online registration facility to expedite the registration immediately after payment of duty so as to reduce the average dwell time further.

DWELL TIME

The total time taken from arrival of cargo to out-of-charge improved from 5.74 days for the month of February to 5.26 days for the month of April, 2019.

- Chairman remarked that there is improvement in the dwell time as the total time taken has decreased from 7 days at the beginning of the F.Y. 2018-19 (April/May 2018) to 5.26 days for the month of April, 2019. However, he stated that the dwell time needs to be improved further and solicited co-operation from all the stakeholders.

Action Owner: All stakeholders

4. Shri M. Venugopal representing Customs Broker Association has informed that the letters submitted through Sevottam are being accepted by the Section only after taking consent from the concerned section-in-charge. The Chairman informed that the letters shall be received by the Sevottam Section as and when submitted and directed DC (Sevottam) to ensure the same.

Action Owner : DC (Sevottam)

5. After completion of the presentation of the TRS, Shri N. Varun Koundinya, Deputy Commissioner discussed about the following Public Notices issued during recent months for facilitation of Trade.

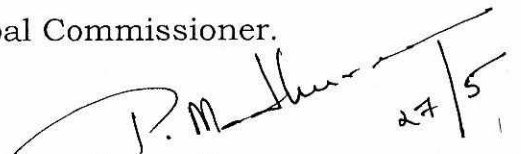
5.1 **Public Notice No.13/2019 dt. 25.04.2019** - Creation of new facilitation cell at Custom House, Visakhapatnam for clearance of facilitated Bills of Entry on Turant Customs : After introduction of the next generation reform (Turant Customs) a new facilitation cell has been created at Custom House, Visakhapatnam for clearance of facilitated Bills of Entry which will operate from Room No. 212 (Appraising Hall), IInd Floor, Customs House, Visakhapatnam. The Facilitation cell will clear the facilitated Bills of Entry pertaining to all the three sites i.e. Visakhapatnam Port (INVTZ1), Gangavaram Port (INGGV1) and Visakhapatnam Air Cargo Complex (INVTZ4)

5.2. **Public Notice NO.11/2019 dt.10.04.2019** - Members were further informed that in order to enhance the ease of doing business for exporters, DGFT has decided to phase out physical copies of MEIS and SEIS Duty Credit Scrips issued with EDI port as port of registration. MEIS/SEIS duty credit scrips shall continue to be transmitted electronically by DGFT to the Customs system. The details of the said scrips would be visible in ICES to concerned officers involved in import of goods i.e. registration of the scrips, assessment of Bill of Entry, giving out of charge to imported goods, etc. and further detailed in the Public Notice no. 11/2019 dt. 10.04.2019 issued by Custom House, Visakhapatnam

6. The Chairman informed that the new Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (Amendment) Regulations, 2019 will commence from 1.8.2019 and advised the liners who are the vessel agents to comply with. Shri Bobby Lawrence representing Containers Liners Association had expressed their readiness for filing of EGMs under the said Regulations.

7. The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking all the members.

8. This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner.


(पी। माधुरी/ P.MADHUREE)

उप आयुक्त, सीमा शुल्क / Deputy Commissioner of Customs

To

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

Copy submitted for information to:

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

Copy to:

1. Supdt (EDI) - with a request to upload in Custom House website.
2. Master Copy.