

National Apex Body of CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN INDIA

FFFAI/MINUTES/239/2021

19.09.2021

Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held online on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2021

#### A) Members Present

S.No	Office Bearers	Representing Association	Attendance
1	Mr. A.V. Vijayakumar - Chairman	Chennai CHA Association	11/11
2	Mr. Shankar Shinde - Chairman – Elect	Nashik CHA Association	11/11
3	Mr. Rajesh Verma - Vice Chairman	Ludhiana CHA Association	09/11
4	Mr. Vinod Sharma - Vice Chairman	Pune CHA Association	11/11
5	Mr. Sudip Dey - Vice Chairman	Calcutta CHA Association	09/11
6	Mr. Mandava Satyanarayana - Vice Chairman	Kakinada Customs Broker's Assn	10/11
7	Mr. Dushyant Mulani-Honorary Secretary	Brihanmumbai CB Association	11/11
8	Mr. Sudhir Agarwal - Honorary Treasurer	Nagpur CHA Association	10/11
9	Mr. S. Ramakrishna - Imm.Past Chairman	FFFAI	11/11
	Executive Committee Members	Representing Association	Attendance
10	Mr. Kartik A. Pancholi	Ahmedabad CHA Association	09/11
11	Mr. Devendra Thakker	Ahmedabad CHA Association	06/11
12	Mr. B.N.Rajmoghon	Association of CHA -Thiruvanathapuram	11/11
13	Mr. Belli Gowda	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	06/11
14	Mr. S. Nanda Prakash	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	09/11
15	Mr. Karunakar Shetty	Brihanmumbai CB Association	08/11
16	Mr. Kiran Rambhia	Brihanmumbai CB Association	10/11
17	Mr. Vinayak Aparaj	Brihanmumbai CB Association	03/11
18	Mr. Paresh Thakkar	Brihanmumbai CB Association	08/11
19	Mr. Hiren Ruparel	Brihanmumbai CB Association	07/11
20	Mr. Mannu Choudhary	Calcutta CHA Association	07/11
21	Mr. S.Nataraja	Chennai CHA Association	10/11
22	Mr. R.N. Sekar	Chennai CHA Association	09/11
23	Mr. R. Kumar	Chennai CHA Association	11/11
24	Mr. Vishal Dadha	Chennai CHA Association	08/11
25	Mr. S. Balaji	Chennai CHA Association	07/11
26	Mr. R. Rajesh Kumar	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	08/11
27	Mr. Dileep T. Abraham	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	09/11
28	Mr. G. A. Kalyanan Moorthy	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	06/11
29	Mr. Adil Khan	CHA Association Hyderabad	10/11
30	Mr. Puneet Jain	Delhi CB Association	10/11
31	Mr. Bhim Singh Jain	Delhi CB Association	08/11

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33	Mr. Vaneet Aggarwal	Delhi CB Association	10/11
34	Mr. Jogesh Sethi	Delhi CB Association	09/11
35	Mr. Amit Kamat	Goa CB Association	07/11
36	Mr. J. A. D'souza	Goa CB Association	04/11
37	Mr. Amit Kumar Jain	Indore CHA Association	06/11
38	Mr. Dhiren Chhaya	Kandla CB Association	09/11
39	Mr. Amit Khanna	Kanpur Customs Brokers Association	09/11
40	Mr. Pramod Soneta	Mundra CB Association	06/11
41	Mr. T.V.Sujan	Mundra CB Association	06/11
42	Mr. A. Prasad	Nagpur CHA Association	09/11
43	Mr. Kiran D. Nagare	Nashik CHA Association	09/11
44	Mr. R. K. Mehrothra	Noida Custom Brokers Association	07/11
45	Mr. Vipin Vohra	Noida Custom Brokers Association	10/11
46	Mr. Pradeep Kale	Pune CHA Association	07/11
47	Mr. Rajdeepak Bharagava	Pune CHA Association	09/11
48	Mr. Jagvir Singh	Rajasthan CHA Association	02/11
49	Mr. R. Sreedhar	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	06/11
50	Mr. J.Pinto Villavarayar	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	09/11
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68	Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar – Advisor	FFFAI	03/11
69	Mr. Samir J Shah	FFFAI	10/11
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70	Mr. Dinesh Gupta – President	Mundra Customs Brokers Association	
	Member Not Present -Request for leave of		
В)	absence received		
	Executive Committee Members	Representing Association	Attendance
1	Mr. P.S.Atree - Vice Chairman	Delhi Custom Brokers' Association	10/11
2	Mr. Suraj Muraleedharan	Cochin CHA Association	05/11
3	Mr. S. Sasikumar	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	08/11
	Nominee of Associate Members	Port	Attendance
4	Mr. R. Radhakrishnan	Chennai	05/11
C)	Member Not Present -Request for leave of absence Not received		
S.No	<b>Executive Committee Members</b>	Representing Association	Attendance
1	Mr. Alan Jose - Vice Chairman	Cochin CHA Association	09/11
2	Mr. Devang Joshi	Ahmedabad CHA Association	03/11
3	Mrs. Philomena Pereira	Aurangabad CHA Association	07/11
4	Mr. Suresh Kumar	Association of CHA -Thiruvanathapuram	08/11
5	Mr. K.N.Shivanna	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	02/11
6	Mr. Subhash Chandra Ghosh	Calcutta CHA Association	07/11
7	Mr. V. S. Pradeep	Cochin CHA Association	04/11
8	Mr. P.S.Rajkumar	CHA Association Hyderabad	06/11
9	Mr. T. Abhimanyu	CHA Association Hyderabad	06/11
10	Mr. Anurag Vijayvargiya	Indore CHA Association	02/11
11	Mr. Sreeram Bhagawathi	Kakinada Customs Broker's Assn	04/11
12	Mr. Hemchandra B Yadav	Kandla CB Association	04/11
13	Mr. Ramesh Bansal	Kandla CB Association	07/11
14	Mr. Sandip Mishra	Kanpur Customs Brokers Association	00/11
15	Mr. Narinder M. Prabhakar	Ludhiana CHA Association	00/11
16	Mr. Gurpreet Singh Bains	Ludhiana CHA Association	02/11
17	Mr. Shareef M	Mangalore CHA Association	03/11
18	Mr. Philip C C	Mangalore CHA Association	07/11
19	Mr. Manoj Kotak	Mundra CB Association	04/11
20	Mr. Pankaj Lodaya	Pipavav Customs Broker's Association	05/11
21	Mr. Chirag Shah	Pipavav Customs Broker's Association	02/11
22	Mr. Arun Sharma	Rajasthan CHA Association	00/11
23	Mr. Sunil Sharma	Rajasthan CHA Association	01/11

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24	Mr. K. V. Krishna Kumar	Visakhapatnam Association	01/11
25	Mr. G.Rajesh	Visakhapatnam Association	01/11
26	Mr. P. Babu Rao	Visakhapatnam Association	00/05
27	Mr. Shankar Prasad Verma	West Bengal CHA Society	06/11
28	Mr. Sujit Chakraborty	West Bengal CHA Society	06/11
29	Mr. Swapan Chakraborty	West Bengal CHA Society	05/11
	Nominee of Associate Members	Port	Attendance
30	Mr. R. Lakshimipathy	Chennai	04/11
31	Mr. V.R.R. Bhagawathi	Kakinada	02/11
32	Mr. Sohel Kazani	Mumbai	03/11
33	Mr. S.B.Salian	Mumbai	03/11
34	Capt. Ashish Samarth	Pune	07/11
35	Mr. J.Manikandan	Tuticorin	07/11
36	Mr. L. Cecil Machado	Tuticorin	05/11
37	Mr. V.Arjun Sankar	Tuticorin	00/11
38	Mr. M.V.Vijav Raghavan	Tuticorin	00/11

## Agenda no.1: Meeting call to order by Hon Secretary Welcome Address by Chairman –FFFAI

Honorary Secretary – Mr. Dushyant Mulani welcomed the Executive Committee Members and Board of Advisors for the 11<sup>th</sup> online Executive Committee Meeting held virtually. He informed it was decided to have an Office Bearers meeting at Chennai hence all the Office Bearers are physically present for the meeting at Chennai.

He requested Chairman to address.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar extended warm welcome to the Executive Committee Members and Board of Advisor for 11<sup>th</sup> online Executive Committee Meeting and thanked the members for joining the meeting on the day of Onam also.

Mr. A.V.Vijayakumar read out the Anti-Trust statement to the house. (Annexure A)

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that Nagpur Custom House Agents Associations had their Annual General Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 wherein Mr. A. Prasad was re-elected as President of Nagpur Custom House Agents Associations along with other Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members. He congratulated the new elected Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members of Nagapur Custom House Agents Association.





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Agenda no.2: To note and grant leave of absence to all who have intimated. (note – no name announcements to be made).

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that we have received leave of absence from the following Executive Committee members and if the house approves leave of absence can be granted.

The house granted leave of absence to the members who had sought.

Agenda no.3: To confirm the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup>Executive Committee Meeting held online on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 (Already sent by e-mail to members).

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held online on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 were circulated in advance. He inquired with the house, if there were any observation.

As there were no observations the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held online was unanimously approved by the house.

Agenda no.4: To report and discuss on Actions arising out of minutes of 10th EC meeting (2019-21)

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the action arising out of the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

i) Details received from Logistic Skill Council (LSC) for enrolling students on Apprenticeship

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that FFFAI had pledged its full support to LSC for enrolling students on Apprenticeship.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that FFFAI had got very good inputs from all locations.

- 1) Tuticorin Association Regarding self-sealed export containers
- 2) Mr. M. Satyanarayana Name of vessel agent not appearing in shipping bill only rotation number is appearing
- 3) Mr. Rajesh Verma & Mr. Girish Narayan Testing of samples to be done at CRCL labs which delays the process
- 4) Mr. Balu Govindraju Note on IGST import credit to importers pending with Customs as they have not credited in GSTN.
- 5) Mr. Girish Narayan Details regarding recalling of advance license, bond and bank guarantee.

He informed that FFFAI has already made representation regarding difficulties faced by trade in recalling and reassessment of bill of entry.

6) Mr. L. Cecil Machado – Issue regarding auto goods registration prior to final bill of entry

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that issue has been addressed by FFFAI to DG System but the issue is not solved.





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Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar informed that system has been enable hence members can complete this process from their own office now.

7) Mr. L. Cecil Machado – Issue related to multiple license in the same Bill of Entry which becomes difficult to recall & reassess the same.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani requested him to send the representation made with the local Commissionerate.

8) Mr. S. Nataraja – Issue pertaining to IGST refund delayed - Error Code

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that this issue was raised by Mr. S. Nataraja and we are awaiting the details from him. He further stated that across all location there is issue of delay in IGST refund. This is mainly linked to delay or error in uploading of stuffing report, EGM errors which is the serious issue and needs to be rectified. FFFAI has suggested CBIC to automated this process and data uploaded in EGM should automatically get update in the system to avoid manual intervention.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar supplemented saying that most of the cases are pending are ICD related as they have not filed their EGM and shipping lines have also not filed their Gateway Port EGM. The issue has been addressed by FFFAI but it is required to be addressed locally at each commissionerate. He requested members to forward the issues faced with regard to system and other issues should be taken up locally by each location.

Mr. Divakaran Nair stated even after EGM is regularized the scroll is not getting generated for IGST refund which needs to be addressed.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna stated that one of the important aspect in stuffing report is the forwarders that at the time of stuffing forwarders are changing the unit of measurement for example, if it is coming in packages while stuffing into container it is stuffed as pallet, then there will be mismatch. If such thing is notice by the members kindly ensure that correct information is sent by freight forwarders as far as LCL shipment is concerned so that there are no difficulties faced.

9) Mr. Hiren Ruparel – Issue pertaining to SVB Order wherein IR is available with importer and CCR is asking to follow IR instructions

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that Mr. Hiren Ruparel had raised the issue pertaining to examination order and CCRs in import bill of entries which are referring to certain conditions of investigation report given by SVB department. Matter has been represented by FFFAI that IR is not available at all locations for importers in such cases Officers are able to look at IR internally in the system along with SVB order if file number is mentioned in the bill of entry. Hence Officers should not be asking for such CCR.

10) Mr. Karthikeya Prabu – Note on Merchant IGST refund being kept pending by the Officers.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that it has been just discussed few minutes back.





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#### Agenda no.5: To announce date and venue of 12th Executive Committee Meeting

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar propose to hold physical 12<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting at Mumbai on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 if the house approves. The venue will be intimated shortly.

The house approved the proposal to hold physical 12 the Executive Committee Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at Mumbai.

Agenda no.6: To discuss and decide the final date of accepting nominations from the Member Association to the Executive Committee for the term 2021-2023

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the agenda.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated as per the practice we accept the nomination from the Member Association and approve in the last Executive Committee Meeting and propose in the AGM. He proposed the date of 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 by 5 pm to accept the nomination from Member Association.

Mr. S. Nataraja stated that Chennai Association AGM is scheduled on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 hence requested to extend one day.

The house unanimously decided 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 by 05:00 pm to accept the nominations from Member Associations.

Agenda no.7: To discuss and decide the final date of accepting the nominations of Nominee of Associate member of FFFAI for the term 2021-2023

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the agenda.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated as per practice we accept the nomination from the Nominee of Associate member and approve in the last Executive Committee Meeting and propose in the AGM. He proposed the date of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 by 5 pm to accept the nomination from Nominee of Associate members.

Mr. Mannu Choudhary requested for extension of one day to submit the nomination of nominee of associate members as the applicant has to obtain the twenty signature which is time consuming.

The house unanimously decided 21<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 by 05:00 pm to accept the nominations from nominee of Associate members.

Agenda no.8: To discuss and decide the final date to accept the nomination for the post of Office Bearers of FFFAI for the term 2021-2023

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the agenda.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar conveyed that this year election would be held in physical form. Further he stated that as per the practice we will accept the nomination for the post of Office Bearers and approve them in the last Executive Committee Meeting and propose in the AGM. He proposed the date of 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 by 5 pm to accept the nomination for the post of Office Bearers.

The house unanimously decided 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 by 05:00 pm to accept the nominations for the post of Office Bearers.





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Agenda no.9: To discuss and decide the date for withdrawal of nomination from the post of Office Bearers of FFFAI for the term 2021-2023

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the agenda.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar proposed 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021 upto 5 pm to withdraw the nomination for the post of Office Bearer.

The house unanimously approved 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021 for withdraw of nomination for the post of Office Bearers.

Agenda no.10: To appoint Returning Officer for scrutiny of nomination received for the post of Officer Bearers of FFFAI for the term 2021-23 and announce the valid nominations

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the agenda.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that as per practice independent returning officers are appointed to scrutinize the nominations received from Member Associations, Post of Office Bearers and Nominee of Associate member. After scrutiny valid nomination are announced by the returning officers. He proposed the name of Mr. Sunil Kulkarni and Mr. Ashok Bhagat to be our returning officers.

The house unanimously approved the names of the returning officer.

Agenda no.11: To report on activities done

Agenda no.11a: Reports sent by e-mail – open for brief comments if any:

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the important events held in the last two months.

He further highlighted important webinars held by FFFAI. (Annexure B). He stated that both webinar were attended by large number of members.

He further added FFFAI nominees attended the important meeting in past two months (Annexure C). The notable meeting held were on;

i) Container Shortage by DG Shipping.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar supplemented saying that meeting organised by DG Shipping was attended by all stakeholder. The following points were highlighted during the meeting.

- a) Shipping space availability
- b) Container shortage
- c) Increase in freight charges

CSLA responded saying that world over the freight charges have increased and vessel space shortage has increased due to COVID – 19 Pandemic along with huge price in increase in the charter cost. In January 2021 it was about Dollar 18000 a day for 6500 TEU, now it is about 65000 Dollars and shortage of vessels, major shipping lines have ordered new vessels which will be available in mid of 2022 as per their information.







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Mr. A. V.Vijayakumar further stated that Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Logistics is discussing with all stakeholders that how to overcome the issues. He informed that portal has been created by FIEO with trade association like FFFAI, CSLA and AMTOI which is opened wherein exporters can register on the portal and exchange their requirement including the freight and area of their business etc.

#### ii) Meeting with CONCOR

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that FFFAI had meeting with CONCOR to discuss the difficulties faced by trade. Mr. Vinod Sharma had taken feedback from each location and points received from the members have been compiled and represented to CONCOR headquarters. The response from the CONCOR is awaited.

iii) Meeting of Faceless Assessment Group 6 (FAG-6) of the National Assessment Centre (NAC)

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that this meeting was attended by almost all Commissioners across the locations and some of the local associations were also part of the meeting. Issues pertaining to Faceless Assessment were particularly highlighted especially after issuance of CBIC circular no.14. As a follow up FFFAI has already given feedback.

#### iv) 14th Customs Consultative Group Meeting

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that this meeting was chaired by Member (Customs). The points sponsored by FFFAI were specifically discussed. The positive outcome was that tariff value notification which are issued would hence forth be applicable from midnight hence the confusing which was prevailing for long has been clarified. Besides Faceless Assessment, several other issues like CAROTAR, SVB, Export related issues were discussed during the meeting. The important aspect of this meeting was role of FFFAI. FFFAI has been regularly representing to CBIC for specifying time limit to complete assessment. With issuance of circular no.14/2021 now the specific time limited of three hours has been stipulated for officers to complete first attendance of bill of entry. The circular has already been issued but administratively they are trying how to achieve the target of three hours though at present there are delays at present. We have informed by senior members in CBIC that it will be linked to system gradually.

v) Workshop with freight forwarders on Logistic Performance Index

Mr. Dushyant Mulani requested Mr. Shankar Shinde to brief the house about the workshop held with freight forwarders on Logistic Performance Index.

Mr. Shankar Shinde stated that Logistic Performance Index is the initiative of Ministry of Commerce & Industry under leadership of Logistics Secretary. The study will be carried out by E & Y and they will be approaching each and every stakeholder to provide their inputs. It was suggested to E & Y that it should be holistic approach rather in isolation. The presentation made by E & Y has been shared with the member to provide their inputs for the same. He requested members to give their feedback for the same enabling us to give the suggestion and white paper can be prepared on this matter. He further stated that E & Y will be preparing the white paper by including the inputs from importer, exporter, custom brokers, customs, logistics service providers, freight forwarders etc. He opined that we should try to resolve our problem on this platform rather than representing to various authorities. Ministry of Commerce & Industry will address this to various Ministries internally which cognizance will be taken by each Ministry to help Logistics Performance Index on better part for our industry.





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vi) Webinar on CBIC initiatives towards Customs during COVID 19 times

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that webinar was held with CBIC for the initiatives taken during COVID-19 Pandemic particularly after the second wave. FFFAI role and its members was highlighted very specifically by us for handling COVID relief material across the country. FFFAI had also given lot of suggestions for converting into paperless working have been actively considered.

vii) Meeting on Multimodal Logistics Transport Summit 2021

Mr Dushyant Mulani stated that Multimodal Logistics Transport Summit 2021 was attended by Mr. Shankar Shinde.

viii) Department of Commerce organised Sensitisation Session for Excellence Award 2021

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that meeting was organised by Department of Commerce on sensitisation session for Excellence Award 2021. The meeting by attended by Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. S. Ramakrishna along with me.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that due to regular interaction with Logistic Secretary and Ministry of Commerce & Industry team the last date to submit the nomination for the Excellence Award has been extended upto 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 due to low response from the Custom Broker. He requested members who are eligible to apply for the award as it recognition from Government of India and not by any other institution.

ix) Webinar on Cyber Frauds in Customs

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that webinar on Cyber Fraud in Customs was held by Director General of Taxpayer services which was attended by Mr. Shankar Shinde.

x) Honorable Prime Minister of India conducted virtual meeting with stakeholders

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated FFFAI was invited for the meeting in the endeavour of Government of India initiative for increasing the export to US\$ 400 billion. The meeting was chaired by Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi Ji.

Mr. A V. Vijayakumar stated that meeting was attended through video conference from Mumbai and Chennai. There is one more meeting scheduled to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021 at Hotel Ashoka, New Delhi which will be chaired by Honourable Minister of Commerce Shri Piyush Goyal. The Ministry is working very hard to achieve the target of US\$ 400 billion export.

xi) 7th Edition - CII Goa Conference & Expo on Logistics 'Goa: A Future Logistics Hub

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that FFFAI Chairman Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar was invited as speaker for the 7<sup>th</sup> Edition – CII Goa Conference & Expo on Logistics Goa: A Future Logistics Hub. The said conference was also attended by Mr. Samir J. Shah.





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xii) Webinar on FIEO's Ease of Logistics Portal

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that FIEO is coming out with portal wherein all exporters can be part of the ecosystem.

xiii) Meeting to decide agenda for Ministry meeting to take further measures to facilitate exim logistics trade

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that meeting was held by E & Y on behalf of Ministry which was attended by Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. Vinod Sharma and myself.

Agenda no.12: Open brief discussions on:

Agenda no.12a: Customs Matters/ CBLR

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that during the term FFFAI had more than nineteen meetings with CBIC regarding Custom matter. Apart from that we had few meetings with CBIC which was attended by 2-3 members. During the term we have made more than fifty representation to CBIC. He highlighted that almost all the representation made by FFFAI were accepted by CBIC favourably. It is very evidence that whatever representation received from the members were presented along with representation done ourselves were considered by CBIC and circulars, notification were issued to that effect. There are implementation issues on the circular issued by CBIC for which local association President and Executive Committee Members should represent to the local Commissionerate and if still the problem persist than it should be reported to FFFAI for representing to the CBIC. He was glad to inform that every Association is representing locally and also informing FFFAI. He congratulated Presidents of Member Association and Executive Committee Member for doing the wonderful job.

He stated that last few days some circulars have been issued by CBIC after Faceless Assessment. The major issues faced are implementation of TFA. As per the direction of NTFC, CBIC issued circular but the industry is not equipped and prepared to accept TFA implementation. It is our responsibility to inform the trade and make them equipped with the TFA implementation. The small importers, exporters are not member of FICCI, FIEO, and CII hence they do not get the circulars issued by them due to which it becomes our responsibility to guide them about the initiative taken by CBIC for the benefit of the trade.

He added that best achievement concern for Custom Brokers is CBLR. Now the Custom Brokers License is validity for lifetime unless your license is revoke or inoperative for one year. CBIC will be issuing clarification about the security deposit paid to the custom, as it is time frame of ten year, FDs, bank guarantee, postal certificate etc., and once the license is in system it will automatically get renewed There are certain concern on the G cards for operation purpose as there is no validity it is upto the validity of Custom Broker license. He requested members to give their suggestions on circular issued and G card.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani thanked members for their valuable inputs, suggestion given to FFFAI and constant feedback is coming from all location. CBIC issued circular for specific time of three hours for first attendance of bill of entries, auto-escalations, all RMS bill of entry would be direct port delivery. On CBLR — lifetime validity of Custom Brokers license.





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Mr. S. Ramakrishna stated that for G card there is facility in the system to add as child to the main F card holder and most of members do not include H card holder as child in the system hence department is implementing system wherein you can add H /G card holder in the system and if the employees leaves the organisation you can block them in the system and inform your local system manager for the same. He added that CBIC will be issuing circular with regard to bank guarantee, bonds, post office certificate or FDRs.

Mr. Vinod Sharma said it is great achievement for Custom Brokers fraternity that license if valid for lifetime validity. At Pune some members have applied for the renewal of license and they do not have clarify as their policy section is in Mumbai hence wanted to know how we can help the members.

Mr. Samir J. Shah congratulated members for their lifetime validity of Custom Broker license. He opined that we should ask for more clarification from the Board as F/ G card will be valid for lifetime and H card validity would be as per CBLR which needs to be monitored by Custom Broker. There will be restriction from all the local custom department hence we should not ask for the clarification.

He further stated that we should represent that no security deposit, bank guarantee will be paid.

Mr. Mannu Choudhary thanked FFFAI to giving creditability to Custom Brokers as professional service provider. He agreed with the views and said we should not ask more clarification from the Board as G / H card employees are appointed by Custom Brokers hence if they leave the organisation a letter should be submitted to the local Custom to discontinue their card.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar clarified that FFFAI has sought clarification regarding security deposit, bonds, bank guarantee, FDR, post certificate and not for the card issued.

Mr. Kiran Rambhia congratulated FFFAI efforts and agreed that 80-90 percent of the favourable decision are received from CBIC. He stated that BCBA has made submission to Commissioner General Mumbai about the validity of all the cards at par with the Custom Broker license irrespective whether it is F/ G / H category. At Mumbai H & G card are for five years and for ten years also hence we have asked for the lifetime validity of card also.

Mr. A. S. Ramasamy stating regarding CAROTAR 2020 he thanked Board for issuance of clarification circular no. 18/2021. In the said circular needs some clarification that Customs is not issuing any confirmation letter for the previously verified certificate if we get it for further shipments it will be easy for us to upload in the system that it is already verified hence there is no need to RMC instructions or any other queries.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar replied that as per circular if the certificate is verified previously then it is not required to be done again.

Mr. Jogesh Sethi stated the as per CBIC circular Custom Brokers license is valid for lifetime then should be approach the Customs for renewal of license and F card validity.

Mr. A. V.Vijayakumar replied that it will be renewed automatically and it is not required to approach policy section.





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Mr. Karthikeya Prabu stated that with reference to clearance under CARTOTAR FTA certificate, whenever the certificate is required to be check for authenticity the importer has the provision to go for the provisional assessment and on the provisional assessment few importers have requested whether they can pay cash and clear which we have given them the option. After the final assessment when favourable orders have come for the authenticity of the certificate of origin the refund process is lengthy process even bank guarantee is lengthy process and cost consuming.

He further stated that many processes are happening online and kind of electronic cash ledger system which is available in GST, similar facility should be available to importer when he wants to pay difference duty between the merit duty and the beneficial clearance that amount should be allowed to deposit under electronic cash ledger option which should be kept lock in the system. Once the final assessment is completed the electronic cash ledger should be opened which will help the importer to use that fund for subsequent import duty or IGST payment which will avoid refund and also minimise the paperwork.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar appreciated the suggestion given but stated that this issue should be taken by importers because CAROTAR is one of the serious subject. In meeting which we held with top officials the misuse of the certificate identified in wide areas.

Mr. S. Nanda Prakash stated regarding CBLR 2021 license not operated for last one year cannot be renewed which means if the license is non-operative due to some reasons for past one or more year whether it is possible to renew the license as per CBLR 2021 as it states only past one year which is not operated.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar replied that it is valid from the date of issuance of circular but the license which is not operated for last few years can be renewed or not needs to be checked.

Mr.Vipin Vohra stated that for import if the assessment is not done in three hours it will automatically get escalated but on the exports the circular is silent. He suggested that we should address that for export if it not done in three hours it should be automatically escalated.

He further stated that for drawback shipping bills the value has been increased from five lacs to twenty lacs will go to Deputy Commissioner. The export of pharma product is more and to obtain the approval of Deputy Commissioner delays the drawback refund. He suggested it should be requested to increase the limit to fifty lacs which will help the trade.

He added the representation made by the FFFAI to various Ministries, Department should be circulated to Convener of particular council/ committee which will help them to take the issue while attending the meeting on behalf of FFFAI.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar responded that CBIC is simplifying the entire export process.

Mr. Dinesh Gupta stated that in chapter 2710 the transformer oil duty is being levied by FAG port at the time of assessment hence it is required to recall the bill of entry which is time consuming. Kandla/ Mundra are filing approx. one hundred fifty bill of entry on daily basis by which lot of time gets wasted.







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Mr Dushyant Mulani replied that we had already raised the issue in three major meeting with CBIC and in CCG meeting. Member (Custom) has directed DG System and Director (Customs) to get the rectification done on as soon as possible.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna stated that matter has been referred by JS (Customs) to JS (TRU) and file is pending which should be resolved sooner or later.

Mr. Devendra Thakker stated the clarification circular issued by CBIC for Bond and Bank Guarantee will be helpful to the trade. After becoming an AEO it was requested to the Customs to return the Bank Guarantee and it was understood that it was lost. He added that they have included the details of H/G card in the system but does not know how to block the card if the person has left the organisation.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar replied that AEO is valid for five year whereas custom broker license is for ten years. If your bank guarantee is misplaced take the letter from the Custom address to bank and bank will release the bank guarantee amount. As far as name of employees to be blocked who have left the organisation but have not surrendered their H/ G card it is the responsibility of Custom Broker to take strict action against that and Customs cannot do anything.

Mr. Devendra Thakker stated further that they have obtain the letter from Custom regarding misplaced of bank guarantee but bank is not accepting.

He continued saying that importer and exporters are informing that the bank rate of interest is low whereas Customs is charging more rate of interest for any delay.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar replied that FFFAI has addressed the issue of accountability in every meeting held with CBIC.

Mr. Puneet Jain read out the clause of CBLR and said G card is given to the qualified person after passing the examination and in case custom broker wishes to transfer the G card to other location then the G card can be issued at particular location or can be person have two G cards.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar responded that F card be used for all location but G card it is being issued at one location only. FFFAI will not support as it will be misused as most of G card holders are employees and not the owners.

Mr. Dhiren Chhaya queried whether it is mandatory to appoint G card holder if F card is transacting the business in the custom other than the parent custom station.

Mr. Puneet Jain stated that food import clearance which are under FSSAI Regulations, now even the Revenue laboratories along with CRCL laboratories are also authorised to test the food sample. The reports are not received in time due to which the consignment gets delay.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that even Ludhiana had similar problem hence FFFAI has already represented the matter to the Board and informed to wait for some time clarification will be issued. Government of India has spent lot of money to renovate and do the additional facility for testing at CRCL hence the circular was issued to use the facility. FFFAI has received compliant from Ludhiana hence the issue was represented to the Board.





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Mr. Rajesh Verma stated that the matter has been represented to the local Commissioner and copy of the same was forwarded to FFFAI but till date nothing has happen. The field formation is taking the clue from the circular 46/2020 which states that two CRCL laboratory based at New Delhi and Baroda have been upgraded to test the food samples, but it does not mandates that samples should be forwarded to CRCL it is only preferable. As per the FSSAI notification all the Custom Shed staff is the Authorised Officer wherever the FSSAI Officer are not posted. Trade needs to represent this issue regarding difficulties faced.

Mr. Hiren Ruparel stated that Custom Brokers are getting all the facilities now hence we should adopt the best practices in clearance process across the country. He suggested that review should be taken from all location and adopt the best practices.

Mr. R. Rajesh Kumar stated that they have multiple form G holder in the organisation hence wanted to transfer few G card holder to Tuticorin and did all the process but Tuticorin Customs denied saying that we should appoint local Form G holde which is big issue. He further stated that at Coimbatore DP World has purchased almost all the companies in the field and now they are getting into custom clearance, transportation, freight forwarding which is big issue. He stated that there should be some norms for the terminal operators to be follow.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated not only DP World, Shipping lines, CFSs, airlines, CONCOR everybody is entering into custom clearance which we cannot stop. How can we overcome the situation needs to be thought.

Mr. Jogesh Sethi stated that custom brokers are unable to view the amendment process in the system which at present we are unable to view.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that FFFAI had made detailed representation on online amendment, tracking thereof, even the format has been provided in which it should be displayed on the ICEGATE dashboard. CBIC circular 14/2021 has come with dashboard for escalation but will get that includes this also in the circular.

Mr. Rajesh Verma stated that bill of entry is pending with FAG, we are unable to trace the bill of entry which we should be able to track. He further stated that there is lot of delay in first check clearance and suggested that there is some bound for first check clearance also. Delay in reassessment as each bill of entry has to go approval of ADC and JC. He suggested that power should be given to DC to approve rather than file going to ADC and JC.

There is lot of import of waste tyres and every time there is 100% examination or going for the first check for regular importer. He added that Government of India is setup lot of ICDs hence they should install one scanner in ICDs for the scrap consignment and all the scrap consignment will go to that particular ICDs.

There are repeated queries being raised under Faceless Assessment for same item being cleared. The department is unnecessarily testing the samples for the items which can be physically be verified and not required to be sent to CRCL laboratory.





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Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that for first check more officers are posted for example Chennai and Nhava Sheva each CFSs has AC posted whereas for multiple ICD one Officer is posted. FFFAI will address this matter to the Board to appoint Officer at each ICD who can take decision. The man made problems is being discussed in different way.

Mr. Sudip Dey stated when importer himself wants to recall the bill of entry then why permission should be taken from Officer. It should be for only RMS facilitated bill of entry when Officer wants to send back hence to stop misuse permission should be sought from Senior Officer.

Mr. Vinod Sharma said that Member Associations are surviving upon membership fees. In the circular there is no clarity whether custom brokers should become member to local association where the license is also extended apart from parent location. He requested to address the issue to get the clarification.

Mr. Shankar Shinde said that lot of interesting suggestions are coming from the house. FFFAI has been asking to provide points for discussion on agenda points, if points would have been received by FFFAI in advance then it would have helped to have fruitful discussion. He requested members to kindly provide points for including in the agenda of the Executive Committee Meeting.

Mr. Kartik Pancholi stated that we had discussion in the CCG meeting and also with Member (Customs) regarding sample withdrawal of Gold Dore Bars. Several communication were sent to Member (Customs) but nothing has happen. He added that in the recent CCG meeting it was noticed that points are pending for action are not being discussed in the next CCG meeting. FFFAI has requested earlier to keep the session where pending points can be discussed.

He congratulated Chairman for the way it was pursued for prefer notification from the platform of FFFAI in which we have succeed and Board has started issuing notification with prospective effect.

Agenda no.12b: GST/ Service Tax Matters.

Mr. M. Satyanarayana stated in the GST Return there is no column to show the reimbursable expenses whereas in Income Tax return it can be shown, due to which there is difference in Income Tax return and GST Return filed. Department is issuing notice seeking clarification that why there is difference. He requested that there should be provision in the GST return to show the reimbursement expenses while filing the returns.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna stated that reimbursable expenses cannot come in your GSTN because GST number pertains to importer or exporter. The problem comes when client deducts TDS on the reimbursable expenses for which circular has been forwarded by FFFAI. On the invoices stamp should be put that it is reimbursable expenses hence TDS should not deducted under 194C. If still the client deducted TDS then maintain the excel sheet and whenever any notice is issued by Income Tax or GST department the same can be shown.







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Agenda no.12c: **Port related Issues.**Agenda no.12d: **Sea Freight related issues** 

Mr Devendra Thakker said that shipping lines are paying to the CONCOR Inland Haulage charges for export container locally and are charging heavy Inland Haulage charges to the exporters.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that issue was discussed with CONCOR and have highlighted the issues and CONCOR is working on it.

Mr. Devendra Thakker further stated that shipping lines are not allowing to deduct TDS on the local charges on THC for which details have been shared.

Mr. Rajesh Verma stated that CONCOR has not increase the charge but shipping lines are increasing the charges by changing the slab. He further stated that freight rates have gone very high hence it is required to take up the issue with Special (Secretary) Logistics regarding the exchange rate. The shipping lines are forcing the exporter that if they are going on with carriage haulage charges then your handling over will be in ten days or otherwise it will be seven days.

#### Agenda no.12e: Airport and Airfreight related Issues.

Mr. Vipin Vohra said that he had attended four meeting in the last week. He had attended meeting organised by Honourable Prime Minster of India on behalf of PHD Chamber of Commerce. The message given by Honourable Prime Minister of India was to increase the export and for increasing the export they are ready to do anything. Fortunately he had opportunity to meet Shri Subrahamanyam Jaishankar - Minister of External Affair and discussed the issue and was assured that Government is looking into it. He further stated that he had opportunity to meet Mr. Jyotiraditya M. Scindia - Honourable Minister of Civil Aviation and discussed about the issue faced. He informed that Ministry of Civil Aviation had formed a committee under the leadership of Minister of Civil Aviation in which FFFAI, ACAAI are not included hence requested to include FFFAI and ACAAI to be part of the committee.

The new Economic Advisory has taken charge but has no knowledge about the cargo as he is from MSME. Ministry of Civil Aviation is seriously looking for improving aircargo. Ministry has requested to provide the points on difficulties faces and suggestions to increase the air cargo.

#### Agenda no.12f: ICD related issues

Mr. Vinod Sharma stated that we had detailed meeting with CONCOR and CONCOR has agreed the incentives will be paid to Custom Brokers and to shipping lines. If any members are facing problem in getting incentives they can write to CONCOR.

All ICDs are depending upon main ports whether it is imports or exports. Due to DPD for import and exports the volume of ICDs have come down, now the empty containers are not available at ICDs.





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Agenda no.12g: Association Matters.

Mr. Pradeep Kale said on behalf of Pune Association would like to appreciate Chairman Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar that under his guidance the entire committee has done excellent job. During the COVID-19 Pandemic situation lot of meetings were conducted with CBIC, Ministries, DG Systems and other Government Authorities which had fruitful outcome. FFFAI had organised several webinars on topics related to custom brokers and exim trade. Due to the constant representation Board has issued several circulars during the Pandemic time. He opined that Pandemic situation has proven lot fruitful as all the Executive Committee Members wholeheartedly supported FFFAI.

Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar said that his term as President in AMTOI will be completed in September, 2021. He added that we cooperated very well as AMTOI, FFFAI, CAI, INSA and some other association also. Meetings of coordination with association has gone well which includes moving out of FILA and creating another group.

Mr. A V. Vijayakumar stated that some local associations are not endorsing the application of Allied members. He proposed that if any association is not attesting the application of Allied membership application can be accept the application without attestation of local association.

Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar stated that there is no provision in Constitution that we require endorsement from the local association. It was discussed that instead of endorsement we merely check whether they have any objection.

He opined that we should welcome the application of Allied member as they are better in our fold rather than keeping them out.

The house unanimously accepted the proposal that if any association is not attesting the application but the application is in order it should be accepted.

Agenda no.13: To discuss regarding Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders matters: (IIFF)

Mr. Tej Contractor said that first online course is doing well which will be concluded in couple of months. IIFF has announce 2<sup>nd</sup> online program with Independence offer of 50% discount in fees upto 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021.

He requested members to nominate 5 members for training. IIFF has collaborated with 3 institutes and MOUs have been signed.

He added that Rule 6 exam this year was game changer. IIFF will roll out online program for Rule 6 in details which will be run for 3-4 months. This can also be used as refresher course for existing custom brokers.

Mr. Sudhir Agarwal suggested that IIFF agenda should not be kept last. He further stated that besides Diploma we need refresher courses for existing Custom Brokers.

Mr A. V Vijayakumar said that under IIFF banner we will conduct HSN code training which will be chargeable for the members.







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#### Agenda no.14: To approve applications received for Associate and Allied membership of FFFAI

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed members that FFFAI had received 16 new applications for Associate membership 6 new applications for Allied membership. He said that the applications were in order and requested the approval of the house for their admittance to the membership of FFFAI.

The house unanimously approved all the applications received for the membership of FFFAI. (Annexure D)

Agenda no.15: To announce date and venue of 58th Annual General Meeting

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar proposed the date of 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at 05:00 pm in physical form for 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

He further stated that 1st Executive Committee meeting for the term 20221-2023 will be held on 25th September, 2021 in physical form.

The house unanimously approved the date of 24th September, 2021 at 05:00 pm in physical form for the 58th Annual General Meeting and 25th September, 2021 for the 1st Executive Committee Meeting for the term 2021-2023 in physical form.

Agenda no.16: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

There was no points for discussion.

#### **Vote of Thanks**

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar specially thanked Office Bearers for coming to Chennai and members of Chennai

Association who joined today on the day of Onam and all Executive Committee members for participating in large number and providing their inputs.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani thanked Executive Committee Members to attend the online meeting. He informed that we have good attendance for the 11th Executive Committee Meeting. He thanked Chairman for his guidance. He thanked all the Office Bearers, Executive Committee Members and Board of Advisors for their contribution and requested to continue the same in the future also.

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**Dushyant Mulani Honorary Secretary** 

To: All Executive Committee Members of FFFAI

To: All Member Associations of FFFAL

To: All Nominees of Associate and Allied Members



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#### **Antitrust Statement**

"It is my duty to make you aware of your responsibilities in connection with competition/anti-trust Law.

In particular, I would like to remind you that no market agreements have been or will be decided at Managing Committee Meetings of FFFAI whether they involve prices, amounts or areas.

I would also like to make you aware that such behavior also outside of meetings is prohibited otherwise you could cause immense damage to your Federation and/or Company.

Should it be apparent that at a meeting, there is an attempt to make or discuss an open or hidden agreement regarding price, amount or area, I am obligated to intervene and if necessary to break off the meeting.

Should doubt exist whether an activity of FFFAI, to be discussed or decided upon, is admissible according to anti-trust law, I shall have the responsibility to terminate discussion as the Chairman of the Federation."







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#### **ANNEXURE (B)**

S.N	Date	Subject	Speaker
1	26.06.2021	Webinar on Cyber Security	Mr. Vittal Raj
2	29.06.2021	Webinar on TDS/TCS provision to be implemented from 1st July, 2021	Mr. K. Vaitheeswaran

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#### Annexure (C)

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No	Date	Particular	Attended by
		Meeting to identify avenues for increasing	
1	23.06.2021	freight loading on Railways	Mr. Shankar Shinde
			Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr.
		Masting to discuss shoutage of container	Shankar Shinde, Mr.
2	20.07.2021	Meeting to discuss shortage of container organised by DG Shipping	Dushyant Mulani, Mr. Paresh Thakkar
3	22.07.2021	AMTOI 4th Extended Board Meeting	Mr. Shankar Shinde
		Meeting with CONCOR to discuss the	
4	22.07.2021	difficulties faced by trade	All Office Bearers of FFFAI
		Meeting of Faceless Assessement Group 6	
		(FAG-6) of the National Assessment Centre	
5	23.07.2021	(NAC)	Mr. A.V.Vijyakumar
			Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr.
			Shankar Shinde, Mr.
			Dushyant Mulani, Mr. S.
6	27.07.2021	14th CCG Meeting	Ramakrishna, Mr.Kartik Pancholi
	27.07.2021		Falicion
7	27.07.2021	Workshop with freight forwarders on Logistic Performance Index	Mr. Shankar Shinde
			Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr.
			Shankar Shinde, Mr.
		Webinar on CBIC initiatives towards	Dushyant Mulani, Mr. Vinod
8	28.07.2021	Customs during COVID 19 times	Sharma
		Mr Shankar Shinde was invited Multimodal	
9	30.07.02021	Logistics Transport Summit 2021	Mr. Shankar Shinde
		Department of Commerce organised	
10	05.08.2021	Sensitisation Session for Excellence Award 2021	Mr. Dushyant Mulani
11	05.08.2021	Webinar on Cyber Frauds in Customs	Mr. Shankar Shinde
	33.33.2021	Treamar on eyacr rradus in customs	
		Stakeholder Consultation Meeting IFSCA	Mr A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr.
		Committee on Ship Financing and Leasing	Dushyant Mulani, Mr. Sudhir
12	06.08.2021	Activities	Agarwal







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13	06.08.2021	Honorable Prime Minister of India conducted virtual meeting with stakeholders	Mr. A. V.Vijayakumar, Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. Dushyant Mulani
14	10.08.2021	Webinar on Standardization in Transportation Services: Challenges and Solution	Mr. Shankar Shinde
15	10.08.2021	CII organised virtual meeting with Moderator and Panelists for the Session – II : Logistics Ecosystem Development – Leveraging Air Cargo Competitiveness at the 7th Edition CII Goa Conference & Expo	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar
16	13.08.2021	7th Edition - CII Goa Conference & Expo on Logistics 'Goa : A Future Logistics Hub	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar
17	18.08.2021	Webinar on FIEO's Ease of Logistics Portal	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mr. M. Satyanarayana
18	19.08.2021	Meeting to decide agenda for Ministry meeting to take further measures to facilitate exim logistics trade	Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. Vinod Sharma, Mr. Dushyant Mulani

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#### ANNEXURE (D)

#### LIST OF NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS - 11th E.C. Meeting

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No	Name of Members	Applied From	Enclosure	Attested by
1	Safesea Asl Logistics Hub	Ahmedabad	CB License	ACBA
2	Cascade Logistics	Mumbai	CB License	ВСВА
3	SR Cargo India Pvt.Ltd	Mumbai	CB License	ВСВА
4	Kaushal Logistics	Mumbai	CB License	ВСВА
5	4 Square Logistics	Mumbai	CB License	ВСВА
6	Mahavir Shipping Agency	Mumbai	CB License	ВСВА
7	Divinus Express Logistics Pvt.Ltd	Mumbai	CB License	ВСВА
8	Trimen Logistics Private Limited	Mumbai	CB License	ВСВА
9	Pinnacle Global Pvt.Ltd	New Delhi	CB License	DCBA
10	Anil Kumar	New Delhi	CB License	DCBA
11	JBB Logistic Private Limited	New Delhi	CB License	DCBA
12	Star Clearing & Forwarding Services Pvt.Ltd	New Delhi	CB License	DCBA
13	Aar Pee Clearing And Forwarding Pvt.Ltd	New Delhi	CB License	DCBA
14	Parbati International	Kolkata	CB License	ССНАА
15	Eshwa Global Logistics Pvt.Ltd	Chennai	CB License	ССНАА

#### LIST OF NEW ALLIED MEMBERS - 11th E.C. Meeting

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No	Name of Members	Applied From	Enclosure	Attested by
1	Trans Cargo Logistics Pvt.Ltd	New Delhi	Consol Agent	DCBA
2	Showfreight Shipping India Pvt.Ltd	New Delhi	Consol Agent	DCBA
3	Flomic Logistics Pvt.Ltd	Chennai	Consol Agent	ССНА
4	Decent Shipping Private Limited	Ludhiana	MTO Licence	LCHAA
5	Ashirwad Shipping & Logistics Pvt.Ltd	Mumbai	MTO Licence	BCBA
6	ACE Forwarders Pvt.Ltd.	Mumbai	MTO Licence	ВСВА



