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MINUTES OF MEETING OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC), CUSTOM CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC), PUBLIC GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE (PGRC) HELD ON 19.12.2023

A meeting of “PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC), CUSTOM CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC), PUBLIC GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE (PGRC)” was held at Custom House, Kandla, on 19.12.2023 at 11.30 Hrs under the Chairmanship of Shri M. Rammohan Rao, Commissioner of Customs, Kandla. The following Customs Officers and representatives of trade were present during the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name of the representative (Shri/Ms.)	Designation of Officers / representative of Members
1	D P Bamanavat	Additional Commissioner of Customs, C. H., Kandla
2	Ram Singh Shekhawat	Additional Commissioner of Customs, C. H., Kandla
3	Anubhuti Tripathi	Deputy Commissioner, C.H., Kandla
4	Bharat G. Vasava	Assistant Commissioner, C.H., Kandla
5	N. K. Chowdhary	Assistant Commissioner, C.H., Kandla
6	Gajendra Singh Chholak	Assistant Commissioner, C.H., Kandla
7	D. Srikanth	Assistant Commissioner, C.H., Kandla
8	Anil Kumar Jef	Superintendent of Customs, A.G. Section, C. H., Kandla
9	Shweta Singh	Superintendent of Customs, A.G. Section, C. H., Kandla
10	Ankur Sharma	P. O., A. G. Section, C. H. Kandla
11	V. K. Tyagi	Superintendent of Customs, DBK/ DP Section, C. H., Kandla
12	Vaibhav Meena	Appraiser, Group –II, C. H., Kandla
13	Keyur Thakkar,	Secretary, KCBA
14	Ramendra Singh	Joint Secretary, KCBA
15	Atul Kumar Rai	KCBA
16	D. B. Agareya	Representative, Kandla Liquid Tank Terminal Association
17	P. Sakahi	Technical Director, Almita India Shipping
18	Mehdi Kazemi	M. D., Almita India Shipping

19	Surojit Chakravorty	Vice President, KCBA
20	Dhiren Chhaya	Vice President, KCBA
21	Venu Mugi	Representative of Rishi Kiran Logistics, CB
22	Om Prakash Jadhav	Armita India Shipping
23	Ashok Maddi	Armita India Shipping
24	Satish Nair	Representative of KPSAA
25	Evez Yesudas	Secretary, KPSAA

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of Trade, Customs Broker Associations, Representatives of Shipping Line Associations and other stakeholders present for the meeting. The following agenda points were discussed in the meeting.

Agenda points:

1. Request to allow RMS Bills of Entry in DPD:

(Point sponsored by Kandla Customs Brokers Association (KCBA))

The member of Kandla Customs Brokers Association has requested to allow RMS Bills of Entry in DPD facility.

The chairman expressed that CBIC has taken various steps which have the impact of reducing the dwell time as well as bringing down the logistics cost of EXIM clearances. One of the flagship initiatives in this regard has been the Direct Port Delivery (DPD). With effect from 07th July, 2021 all the advance Bills of Entry which are fully facilitated (do not require assessment &/or examination) would be granted the facility of DPD. This facility is over and above the erstwhile system of entity based DPD extended to Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) clients. The Chairman further expressed that draft Public Notice to address the request is prepared based on consultation with the stake holders. It will be issued in at the earliest after confirmation of readiness by the terminal operator. The Chairman also asked stakeholders for the feedback on said facility after implementation of the same at Kandla Port.

(Action: AC (Appraising General))

2. Certificate of Origin benefit is not being considered by the officers when the Ex-Bond Party is different from the Party warehousing the goods.

(Point sponsored by Kandla Customs Brokers Association (KCBA))

The members of CB associations represent that Certificate of Origin benefit is not being considered by the officers when the Ex-Bond Party is different from the Party warehousing the goods and stated that COO in the these case should be allowed as there is merely transfer of documents and goods remain the same.

The Chairman has expressed that the issue is having revenue implications and needs further detailed examination. As per the FTA Rules, each and every prescribed column of the COO Certificate is necessarily to be filled with correct information. In the COO certificates, name of original importer is mentioned and if Ex-Bond party is different from that mentioned in the COO certificate, the importer details mismatch. The associations were asked to give factual representation for the said issue.

This point is kept open for discussion in next PTFC meeting.

(Action by: AC (Groups & Bond))

3. Stamping of Gate Pass:

Traffic Department of Deendayal Port Authority vide letter No.TF/SH/CUST/3304-I/1629 dated 15/11/2023 has requested to clarify whether Gate Pass is required to be authenticated/stamped by the Customs authority after implementation of Electronic Delivery Order System, as this office is not in receipt of any communication from Customs Department regarding E-Gate pass, at the time of delivery of cargo. It is requested to kindly confirm the same.

(Point sponsored by Deendayal Port Authority (DPA))

Since, no authorized representative from Deendayal Port Authority was present during the meeting. Therefore, the Trade members have informed that OOC B/E copy is sufficient for delivery of goods. However, the Port Authority is issuing manual Gate Pass and requested for authentication/ stamping by the Customs authority.

The Chairman expressed that the issue requires discussion with the Port Authorities and directed the Deputy Commissioner (DP) for a meeting with the Traffic Manager, Deendayal Port Authority to resolve the issue.

This issue is kept open for discussion in next PTFC meeting.

(Action by: DC (DP))

4. Custom bonded area – CJ 13 to 16.

This office vide letter No.TF/SH/CUST/3304/600 dated 07/11/2023 has requested to declare the extended backup area of 13th to 16th berth admeasuring 51.2 hectares as a landing place and issue the notification in this regard. It is requested to kindly do the needful at the earliest.

(Point sponsored by Deendayal Port Authority (DPA))

The Chairman has expressed that issue is on priority list of Customs. However, request letter submitted by the DPA has not been supported with proper documents, and requires proper examination of the issue. Further, after receiving documents, the matter will be examined and after verification and physical inspection, necessary action for issuance of Public Notice will be taken.

Other than the pre-sponsored agenda points, members of the associations, present during the meeting has raised the following points with the permission of the chair.

- i. **The CB association has raised a point that PPQ NOC is not being issued online by the Plant Quarantine department and waiver of NOC in System by Custom Authorities, based on physical copy of NOC, takes time. Due to**

the same, clearance of goods is also being delayed.

The Chairman has expressed that the Board vide Circulars No. 09/2015-Cus dated March 31, 2015, 03/2016-Cus dated February 03, 2016 and 10/2016-Cus dated March 15, 2016 has bought Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) on board the Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT). An Online NOC from the PGAs could be obtained, without physically approaching these agencies. The chairman stated that after the introduction of SWIFT, all the NOC's should be given through systems by the concerned PGA's. Further, the chairman also stated that the dwell time of clearance of goods increases due to waiver of NOC in System by the DC/AC (Docks) based on physical copy of NOC.

As the no officer from the Plant Quarantine department was present for the meeting, the said Point is kept open for next CCFC Meeting.

(Action by: Plant Quarantine Department, Gandhidham)

Further, the Chairman also expressed displeasure that representatives of Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) were not present for the meeting.

ii. **The member of trade has informed that they are not receiving benefit of RoDTEP timely.**

The Chairman has directed the Deputy Commissioner (DBK) to take a note on the issue. The Deputy Commissioner (DBK) has informed the chair that the said delay in releasing time of benefit of RoDTEP is due to EGM errors i.e. EGM not closed and EGM not filed etc.

The Chairman has requested to the representative of Shipping line Association to take up the issue with their association member and encourage them to file EGM timely and get rectify the errors related to EGM. The Chairman has also directed to the Assistant Commissioner (MCD) to take necessary action on Non-filers or late filers of EGM.

(Action by: A. C. (MCD))

Further, the Chairman has informed that issue of repairing / replacement of Container scanner has been taken up with the Board on priority basis. The Chairman assured that the issue will be resolved in short time.

Further, the Chairman discussed the issue regarding Port expansions i.e. Terminal at Tuna Port and new terminal to be constructed by the DP World, with the stakeholders and asked for suggestions and participation regarding facility and infrastructure for the stakeholders at above said terminals.

The trade welcomed the positive attitude of the chair and assured of their cooperation at all times. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner, Customs House, Kandla.

(Ram Singh Shekhawat)
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER
11-01-2024

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