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विषय: स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति की दिनांक 18.02.2020 को हुई बैठक का कार्यवृत्त-संबंधित।

Sub: Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee- Minutes of the meeting held on 18.02.2020 - Reg.

Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee was held at 03.00 "P.M." on 18.02.2020 in the Conference Hall of Custom House, Cochin. Shri. Mohd Yousaf, IRS, Commissioner, chaired the meeting.

निम्नलिखित सीमाशुल्क अधिकारी बैठक में उपस्थित थे। श्री/श्रीमती/सुश्री

The following officers of Customs were present. S/Shri/Smt

1. मोहम्मद युसुफ, भा. रा. से., आयुक्त Mohd Yousaf, IRS, Commissioner
2. S. Srimathi, IRS, Addl. Commissioner
3. डॉ जे हरीश, भा. रा. से., संयुक्त आयुक्त Dr. J. Harish, IRS, Joint Commissioner
Assistant Commissioner
4. Mahindra Vermaa RA, IRS, Dy. Commissioner
5. जोसेफ सबैस्टियन, भा. रा. से., सहायक आयुक्त Joseph Sebastain, IRS, Assistant Commissioner
6. भुवनचंद्रन पी, वैज्ञानिक 'ई', एन आई सी Bhuvanachandran P, Scientist E', NIC
7. Harrison Antony, IRS, Assistant Commissioner
8. Philip Sebastian, IRS, Assistant Commissioner
9. L. N. Das, IRS, Assistant Commissioner
10. Baiju Daniel, Appraising Officer
11. Prasanth K.C.S., Superintendent of Customs, Authorized Officer, CSEZ.

व्यापार तथा व्यापार संबंधी अन्य सरकारी संस्थाओं के प्रतिनिधि सुश्री/ श्री

The Trade and other Govt. Organizations related to trade were represented by S/Shri:

1. J.S Manjunath, Cochin Port Trust
2. T. Chandrasekharan, Coir Board
3. S.S. Sidhu, Plant Quarantine
4. R. Kalavathi, Reserve Bank of India
5. Paul.J. Kochard, CIAL
6. Dr. Jestto George, FSSAI
7. Girish Sekhar, IGTPL
8. T.K. Biju, CFS CPT
9. Biju. R, CFS Pettah.

10. V. Veera Raghav, CFS GDKL
11. Rakesh K L, CFS, CICFS(A unit of KSIE Ltd)
12. Abe Joseph Philip, CFS, MIV
13. A.A. Fernandez, Cochin Customs Broker's Association
14. Alan Jose, Cochin Customs Broker's Association
15. M. krishnakumar, Cochin Steamer Agents Association
16. Bharath Ashar, Cochin Steamer Agents Association
17. Rajeev. M, FIEO
18. N.N.Menon, Tradetrek
19. Abraham Philip, Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
20. B.N. Jha, Spices Board
21. K. Mohan Kumar, Consolidators Association of India.
22. Antony Kottaram, Kerala Chamber of Commerce & Industry
23. Sudhas Nair, CDSCO
24. Fairouz Jazack, FSSAI

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting. Thereafter the minutes of the previous meeting was readout to the gathering.

Shri Alan Jose, CCBA, with the permission of chair submitted in respect of the discussion of the previous PTFC meeting regarding the issue of taking print out and out of charge order for LCL cargo from ICTT, which is taking additional time as well as additional cost. He requested whether the system can be tweaked in a manner such that the printout of the bills can be taken from Q10 itself. He also requested that the matter can be communicated to the Board to incorporate the necessary change in this regard.

The chair opined that the arrangement for taking print outs of BOEs (for **RMS facilitated containers and DPD containers**) and obtain OOC from ICTT itself was made as requested BY CCBA. However, the chair informed the stakeholders to apprise the matter in detail to Assistant Commissioner (Docks).

(For Action: Assistant Commissioner, Docks)

Thereafter fresh points were taken up for this meeting.

चर्चा हेतु नए मुद्दे FRESH POINTS FOR DISCUSSION.

कोचीन सीमाशुल्क ब्रोकर संघ के द्वारा उठाए गए मुद्दे _____

1. **Fresh Points raised by The Cochin Customs Broker's Association:**

Closing of PD Bonds and cancellation of bank guarantees submitted since 2015

We had taken up this matter earlier PTFC meeting and as per the request of the Chair, we had submitted the details of pending PB bonds during February 2019. We were informed by our members that still some PD bonds submitted have not been closed. We request you to please look into this matter and do the needful to close the PD bonds as this adversely affects the working capital of the importers.

Minutes of discussion are as below:

Shri Alan Jose, CCBA with the permission of chair submitted that some PD bonds are pending for closure and the details of the same have already been submitted. He requested to do the needful to close the PD bonds so the working capital of the importers may be released.

The chair informed the stakeholders that the matter has already been looked in to by the Assistant Commissioner (Apprg.) and the process of closure of pending PD bonds has already been initiated. A review of the same is also being conducted to ascertain the present position.

(For Action: AC, Apprg.)

2. Fresh point raised by Shri Munshid Ali:-

It is hereby submitted that many imports after assessment and valuation was insisted to pay duty, but later informed that a re-assessment is needed and detain the goods asking for Bank Guarantee for releasing the goods.

Importers import goods on a pure vision and was held up at Cochin due to some ignorance with awareness of officers examining the Cargo, **submits the Bank Guarantee for the release of goods as they are afraid that the delay could meet a big loss which affect their trade.**

Kerala Exporters forum, is getting a lot of complaints in this regard. On clearance of all procedures, insisting of Bank Guarantee causes much hardships and pain for the importers.

Not releasing BG on procedural formalities once finished again lets Importers paying interest to banks to make it a huge amount resulting the profitability of trade.

KEF, hereby requests the Commissioner's office to let notice of the concerned and make all your efforts for a fast and speedy procedures of release of Bank Guarantee, so as to let trade happen smoothly.

Minutes of discussion are as below:

Since no representative was present to represent the issue. The issue with the permission of chair was discussed in absentia.

The chair opined that the similar matter has already been discussed above at fresh point no. 1 raised by the CCBA and the action will be in accordance with the discussion as above at fresh point no.1. it was also informed that the BG and Bond were executed for clearance of a consignment pending verification of COO. The ICD section, Board, has not replied till date.

(For Action:-AC, Apprg.)

Apart from above the following points were also discussed in the meeting by the members:

Dr. Jestu George, Dy. Director FSSAI, with the permission of chair submitted that the inspector from FSSAI facing some issue regarding entering of personal vehicle into CFS.

Shri J.S Manjunatha, CPT, with the permission of chair submitted that they will look into the matter.

Shri Antony Kottaram, Kerala Chamber of Commerce & Industry, with the permission of chair submitted that due to outbreak of coronavirus , receipt of original documents is being delayed or nor being delivered. Owing to this reason bill of entries are not being filed up in due time resulting imposition of late free from Customs side.

The chair informed the stakeholders that such cases are being facilitated and late fees are being waived off in such cases.

Smt. Sudha S Nair, CDSCO, with the permission of chair submitted that as per latest Gazette notifications medical equipment are need to be registered w.e.f 01.04.2019.

The chair informed that the matter will be looked into.

Since no other points were raised by the members for discussion, the Chair declared the meeting closed by thanking the members. The date for next meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee will be intimated through the Custom House website www.cochincustoms.nic.in. Points for discussion, if any, may be sent. Enquiries if any may be made at the telephone number 0484-2667040 or by email at ccu@cochincustoms.gov.in or ccucochin@gmail.com.

This is issued with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (Chairman PTFC).



(HARRISON ANTONY)
ASST.COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

F.No.S.65/17/2018-CCU-CUS

दिनांक Dated: 03/03/2020

को प्रस्तुत Submitted to:

1. The Principal Chief Commissioner of Central Excise, Central Tax & Customs, Kerala Zone, Cochin.
2. The Additional Director General, Directorate of Tax Payer Service, Bangalore Zonal Unit, 4th Floor TTMC Building , Above BMTC Bus Stand, Domlur, Bangalore-560071.

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