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National Apex Body of CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATIONS IN INDIA

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Minutes of the 9th Executive Committee Meeting held on 27th April, 2021 on virtual platform.

A) Members Present

S.No	Office Bearers	Representing Association	Attendance
1	Mr. A.V. Vijayakumar - Chairman	Chennai CHA Association	09/09
2	Mr. Shankar Shinde - Chairman - Elect	Nashik CHA Association	09/09
3	Mr. P.S.Atrey - Vice Chairman	Delhi Custom Brokers' Association	09/09
4	Mr. Rajesh Verma - Vice Chairman	Ludhiana CHA Association	07/09
5	Mr. Vinod Sharma - Vice Chairman	Pune CHA Association	09/09
6	Mr. Sudip Dey - Vice Chairman	Calcutta CHA Association	07/09
7	Mr. Alan Jose - Vice Chairman	Cochin CHA Association	09/09
8	Mr. Mandava Satyanarayana - Vice Chairman	Kakinada Customs Broker's Assn	08/09
9	Mr. Dushyant Mulani-Honorary Secretary	Brihanmumbai CB Association	09/09
10	Mr. Sudhir Agarwal - Honorary Treasurer	Nagpur CHA Association	08/09
11	Mr. S. Ramakrishna - Imm. Past Chairman	FFFAI	09/09
	Executive Committee Members	Representing Association	Attendance
12	Mr. Kartik A. Pancholi	Ahmedabad CHA Association	07/09
13	Mrs. Philomena Pereira	Aurangabad CHA Association	06/09
14	Mr. B.N.Rajmoghon	Association of CHA -Thiruvananthapuram	09/09
15	Mr. Belli Gowda	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	04/09
16	Mr. Kiran Rambhia	Brihanmumbai CB Association	08/09
17	Mr. Paresh Thakkar	Brihanmumbai CB Association	06/09
18	Mr. Hiren Ruparel	Brihanmumbai CB Association	05/09
19	Mr. Subhash Chandra Ghosh	Calcutta CHA Association	06/09
20	Mr. Mannu Choudhary	Calcutta CHA Association	05/09
21	Mr. S.Nataraja	Chennai CHA Association	08/09
22	Mr. R.N. Sekar	Chennai CHA Association	07/09
23	Mr. R. Kumar	Chennai CHA Association	09/09
24	Mr. Vishal Dadha	Chennai CHA Association	06/09
25	Mr. R. Rajesh Kumar	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	06/09
26	Mr. Dileep T. Abraham	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	07/09
27	Mr. G. A. Kalyanan Moorthy	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	05/09
28	Mr. Adil Khan	CHA Association Hyderabad	08/09
29	Mr. T. Abhimanyu	CHA Association Hyderabad	05/09
30	Mr. Puneet Jain	Delhi CB Association	08/09
31	Mr. Bhim Singh Jain	Delhi CB Association	06/09
32	Mr. Harjit Singh	Delhi CB Association	07/09

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33	Mr. Vaneet Aggarwal	Delhi CB Association	08/09
34	Mr. Jogesh Sethi	Delhi CB Association	07/09
35	Mr. Amit Kamat	Goa CB Association	06/09
36	Mr. Amit Kumar Jain	Indore CHA Association	05/09
37	Mr. Sreeram Bhagawathi	Kakinada Customs Broker's Assn	04/09
38	Mr. Dhiren Chhaya	Kandla CB Association	07/09
39	Mr. Amit Khanna	Kanpur Customs Brokers Association	07/09
40	Mr. A. Prasad	Nagpur CHA Association	07/09
41	Mr. Kiran D. Nagare	Nashik CHA Association	07/09
42	Mr. Vipin Vohra	Noida Custom Brokers Association	08/09
43	Mr. Pankaj Lodaya	Pipavav Customs Broker's Association	05/09
44	Mr. Pradeep Kale	Pune CHA Association	05/09
45	Mr. Rajdeepak Bharagava	Pune CHA Association	07/09
46	Mr. S. Sasikumar	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	07/09
47	Mr. Shankar Prasad Verma	West Bengal CHA Society	05/09
48	Mr. Sujit Chakraborty	West Bengal CHA Society	05/09
	Nominee of Associate Members	Port	Attendance
49	Mr. C.S. Nagendra Prasad	Bangalore	09/09
50	Mr. Girish N	Bangalore	06/09
51	Mr. Shashidhar V.Hebbar	Bangalore	06/09
52	Mr. Balu S Govindrajan	Chennai	06/09
53	Mr. T.V.Gopu	Chennai	06/09
54	Mr. R. Radhakrishnan	Chennai	05/09
55	Mr. Ganpat P.Korade	Mumbai	08/09
56	Mr. Maruti R.Gadge	Mumbai	07/09
57	Mr. Nirav C. Thakker	Mumbai	08/09
58	Mr. Omprakash Agrawal	Mumbai	03/09
59	Mr. Sohel Kazani	Mumbai	03/09
60	Mr.Tej Mayur Contractor	Mumbai	07/09
61	Mr. Palvinder Singh	New Delhi	07/09
62	Capt. Ashish Samarth	Pune	06/09
63	Mr. A.S.Ramasamy	Tuticorin	07/09
64	Mr. C.Karthikeya Prabu	Tuticorin	07/09
65	Mr. P.Jeyanth Thomas	Tuticorin	08/09
	Advisors	Representing Association	Attendance
66	Mr. R. Radhakrishnan	FFFAI	03/09
67	Mr. Debashis Dutta	FFFAI	03/09
68	Mr. Samir J Shah	FFFAI	08/09

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	INVITEES		
69	Capt. Piyush Sinha- President	Aurangabad CHA Association	
70	Mr. P.Subramaniam - President	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	
71	Mr. Dinesh Gupta - President	Mundra Customs Brokers Association	
B)	Member Not Present -Request for leave of absence received		
	Executive Committee Members	Representing Association	Attendance
1	Mr. R. K. Mehrothra	Noida Custom Brokers Association	06/09
2	Mr. Shantanu Bhadkamkar - Advisor	FFFAI	01/09
C)	Member Not Present -Request for leave of absence Not received		
S.No	Executive Committee Members	Representing Association	Attendance
1	Mr. Devang Joshi	Ahmedabad CHA Association	03/09
2	Mr. Devendra Thakker	Ahmedabad CHA Association	04/09
3	Mr. Suresh Kumar	Association of CHA – Thiruvanathapuram	07/09
4	Mr. S. Nanda Prakash	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	08/09
5	Mr. K.N.Shivanna	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	02/09
6	Mr. Karunakar Shetty	Brihanmumbai CB Association	06/09
7	Mr. Vinayak Aparaj	Brihanmumbai CB Association	02/09
8	Mr. S. Balaji	Chennai CHA Association	05/09
9	Mr. V. S. Pradeep	Cochin CHA Association	03/09
10	Mr. Suraj Muraleedharan	Cochin CHA Association	04/09
11	Mr. P.S.Rajkumar	CHA Association Hyderabad	05/09
12	Mr. J. A. D'souza	Goa CB Association	03/09
13	Mr. Anurag Vijayvargiya	Indore CHA Association	02/09
14	Mr. Hemchandra B Yadav	Kandla CB Association	03/09
15	Mr. Ramesh Bansal	Kandla CB Association	07/09
16	Mr. Sandip Mishra	Kanpur Customs Brokers Association	00/09
17	Mr. Narinder M. Prabhakar	Ludhiana CHA Association	00/09
18	Mr. Gurpreet Singh Bains	Ludhiana CHA Association	02/09
19	Mr. Shareef M	Mangalore CHA Association	03/09
20	Mr. Philip C C	Mangalore CHA Association	06/09
21	Mr. Manoj Kotak	Mundra CB Association	03/09
22	Mr. Pramod Soneta	Mundra CB Association	05/09
23	Mr. T.V.Sujan	Mundra CB Association	05/09
24	Mr. Chirag Shah	Pipavav Customs Broker's Association	02/09
25	Mr. Arun Sharma	Rajasthan CHA Association	00/09
26	Mr. Jagvir Singh	Rajasthan CHA Association	01/09
27	Mr. Sunil Sharma	Rajasthan CHA Association	01/09

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28	Mr. R. Sreedhar	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	04/09
29	Mr. J.Pinto Villavarayar	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	07/09
30	Mr. K. V. Krishna Kumar	Visakhapatnam Association	01/09
31	Mr. G.Rajesh	Visakhapatnam Association	01/09
32	Mr. P. Babu Rao	Visakhapatnam Association	00/04
33	Mr. Swapan Chakraborty	West Bengal CHA Society	05/09
	Nominee of Associate Members	Port	Attendance
34	Mr. Chandrchari B.R.	Bangalore	05/09
35	Mr. R. Lakshimipathy	Chennai	04/09
36	Mr. M.A.Zahir Hussan	Chennai	05/09
37	Mr. V.R.R. Bhagawathi	Kakinada	02/09
38	Mr. S.B.Salian	Mumbai	03/09
39	Mr. J.Manikandan	Tuticorin	06/09
40	Mr. V.Arjun Sankar	Tuticorin	00/09
41	Mr. M.V.Vijay Raghavan	Tuticorin	00/09
42	Mr. L. Cecil Machado	Tuticorin	04/09

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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 9th online Executive Committee Meeting and hoped to have physical meeting soon.

He requested Chairman to address.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar extended warm welcome to the Executive Committee Members and Board of Advisor for 9th online Executive Committee Meeting and hope to conduct physical meeting depending upon the situation.

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

Agenda no.2: **To pass resolution offering condolence to Late Shri Sarfaraz Khan – Executive Committee Member from Aurangabad**

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar on behalf of entire FFFAI expressed his deep sorrow for untimely and sad demise of Shri Sarfaraz Khan – Executive Committee Member from Aurangabad who passed away on 3rd April, 2021. He said it is great loss to the entire fraternity and we have sent condolence message to his family. He further stated we have lost a Gentleman and most devoted individual for FFFAI. He had long tenure and worked selfless in FFFAI. He was available for advice and guidance on any matter and he had personal experience for the same. We pray Almighty to rest the departed soul in peace and give strength to his family members to overcome this situation.

He requested to observe two minutes silence in respect of departed soul to rest in peace.





He requested Board of Advisors, Executive Committee members and Presidents to share their memories and pay tribute to our great friend. The following paid their tribute to Late Shri Sarfaraz Khan.

- Capt Piyush Sinha
- Mr. R. Radhakrishnan
- Mr. Debashis Dutta
- Mr. Samir J. Shah
- Mr. R. Rajesh Kumar
- Mr. Puneet Jain
- Mr. Sohel Kazani
- Mr. Kiran Rambhia
- Mr. S. Ramakrishna
- Mr. Vinod Sharma
- Mr. Shankar Shinde
- Mr. Dushyant Mulani

Entire house paid respect to the selfless member of FFFAI.

Agenda no.3: **To note and grant leave of absence to all who have intimated**

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Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that we have received leave of absence from 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.4: **To confirm the minutes of the 8th Executive Committee Meeting held on 13th February, 2021 for the term 2019-2021. (Already sent by e-mail to members)**

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that minutes of the 8th Executive Committee Meeting held online on 13th February, 2021 were circulated in advance. He inquired with the house, if there were any observation.

As there were no observations the minutes of the 8th Executive Committee Meeting held online was unanimously approved by the house.

Agenda no.5: **To report and discuss action arising out of the minutes of 8th Executive Committee Meeting held on 13th February, 2021 (2019-21)**

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the action arising out of the minutes of the 8th Executive Committee Meeting held on 13th February, 2021.

1. **Members to forward issues related to CAROTAR 2020 and Faceless Assessment to FFFAI Secretariat**

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that this points was kept pending as we require feedback from all the locations which will enable FFFAI to make appropriate representation to the Board.





2. Note on facilities required at Pune International Airport to handle export shipments

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that Mr. Vinod Sharma has given the points which has been included in the SCOPE – Air hence action is completed.

3. Judgements on reimbursement charges to be received from Dr. CA Gaurav Gupta

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that Dr. CA Gaurva Gupta will be sharing the judgement shortly with FFFAI.

4. Additional Duty being captured while filing bill of entry under chapter 2710

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed FFFAI has represented the matter to DG System to rectify the anomaly in the system.

5. List of Important circulars circulated and uploaded by FFFAI

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that FFFAI has circulated the important circulars uploaded & circulated by FFFAI in the past two months.

6. Representation made to CBIC with regard to Faceless Assessment

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated FFFAI has made representation to CBIC with regard to Faceless Assessment and will be discussed at length while discussing the agenda point.

Agenda no.6: **To report on activities done**

Agenda no.6a: **Reports already sent by e-mail – open for brief comments if any:**

Mr. Dushyant Mulani read out the meetings attended by FFFAI nominees. **(Annexure B)**

He stated the one of the important meeting on Logistic Excellence Award was attended by Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar and Mr. Shankar Shinde which was chaired by Special Secretary (Logistics). Ministry of Commerce & Industry is devising an Excellence Awards and FFFAI in its capacity has been representing and sharing its thought process for devising the entire structure.

Mr. Shankar Shinde stated that Custom Brokers were not part of the Excellence Award but Chairman made it sure that Custom Brokers get separate category for the Excellence Award.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar informed that there are about fifteen award categories in the whole logistics which includes domestic as well as international business. There were four meeting conducted on the subject. There was category of Freight Forwarders but it was made very clear during the meeting that there should be separate category for Custom Brokers as they are one of the major important players in the whole logistics supply chain and cross border transaction. The Special Secretary (Logistics) agreed for having separate category for Custom Brokers. FFFAI will be evaluating committee for the Custom Brokers Award in which there will be one category for small and medium MSME and another category for large MSME.





Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated the another important meeting held with Member (Customs) which was attended by JS (Customs) and Director (Customs) also on Faceless Assessment for which FFFAI had submitted the points.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that FFFAI had series of meeting with Chairman, Member (Customs), DG System, Director (Customs) regularly but unfortunately after issuance of three to four circulars we are getting feedback from many locations that things are not going in the right way. He further stated that FFFAI has submitted seventeen bullet points for discussion during the meeting. Member (Customs) informed us that about sixty percent of documents are completing the process i.e. from filing to OOC is within 48 hours. Highlighted industry-wise he stated that about sixty nine percent documents are processed within 48 hours. FFFAI had also collected some data from various locations and also internally which was explained clearly. Out of the seventeen points submitted two points were of courier issue.

FFFAI has address the issue of Faceless Assessment, CAROTAR 2020, TSK and E-Office with CBIC and CBIC has taken proper note of the same. Member (Customs) has requested FFFAI to elaborate all the bullet points submitted along with the suggestion. Board has formed team to work on these issue and they are also collecting the data from each locations. FFFAI had very good meeting for two hours and Member (Customs) has given time of two weeks to submit the representation with suggestions.

He requested members to forward their feedback to FFFAI Secretariat.

Agenda no.7: Open brief discussions on:

Agenda no.7a: Customs Matters/ CBLR

Mr. Jeyanth Thomas stated that Tuticorin Association had forwarded two issues to FFFAI.

1. Shipping lines are appointing Customs Brokers
2. Difficulty in late filing of bill of entry particularly when cargo arrives from neighboring ports.

He also mentioned that transit time from Colombo to Tuticorin is ten hours and filing on the preceding day would be difficult because there will be lot of operationalize constraint due to space constraint etc., the feeding operator would stop loading the few container and will do quick sail.

He requested to take up the issue with the Board.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that issue has been taken up with the CBIC and they are working on it.

Mr. Dinesh Gupta stated that there is an issue of assessment of BL under CTH 2710 in which additional duty is being levied by the department. One is required to approach the Deputy Commissioner to remove the additional duty levied wrongly. Trade is experiencing considerable delay to recall and reassess the bill of entry which takes around 48 to 72 hours.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar replied that in CTH 2710 there is different duty being levied of transformer oil for which we have received representation from Mundra and Tuticorin Association. It is required to create separate chapter for transformer oil and TRU is working on it to remove the said notification.





He added that in every representation, discussion we have address the issue of accountability of the officer for the delay on their part hence and are requesting that even the Officer should be accountable for the delay similar to Custom Brokers. During the last meeting with Member (Customs), he stated that they want the custom clearance to be completed within an hour. He opined that we should support the CBIC for such initiatives.

Mr. C. Karthikeya Prabu stated that in CTH 2710 and 1990 under RMS system, automatically notification getting uploaded due to which high percent of duty is being levied. He further stated that there was period of thirteen months i.e January 2020 to January 2021 wherein there was no problem but from January 2020 chapter numbers were changed. The issues started after 1st February, 2021 when the new budget notification were updated the issue that resulted in recalling and reassessing the bill of entry.

Mr. Ganpat Korde said that Nhava Sheva has issued PN giving the email ID and contact details of concerned Officers to avoid the manual interference but in bond department total manual procedure is being carried out. The issue was taken up with Principal Commissioner also but still manual process is continued. He requested to take up the issue with Board.

He stated that there is huge delay in assessment at FAG location and requested to address the same.

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Mr. Vaneet Aggarwal queried whether any feedback has been received from the Board with regard to examination order.

Mr A. V. Vijayakumar said the Board is working on it and there will be system generated examination order, even the first check will be given by system based on the product and once the examination is completed it will go the Officer for assessment.

Mr. Kartik Pancholi informed that CBIC has issued circular no.28 for emergency equipment if possible FFFAI should take up with DG System that for three months all the bill of entries of particular CTH should get auto out of charge as there is no provision for priority out of charge.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar said there is provision with the Commissioner to give priority for out of charge and requested to approach the local Commissioner.

Mr. Shankar Shinde requested members to forward the details of manual process being carried out at each location to FFFAI Secretariat which will help us to make appropriate representation to the Board for making manual process automated.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna stated that Customs is very concerned about emergency equipment and are clearing the COVID related material on the same day hence before approaching Board we should take up the issue locally. He said it heartening to mention that FFFAI has come to such a stage that one call or whatsapp to Board Office meeting is organized to discuss faceless assessment issued and thanked the Chairman for taking up all the points for two hours which is creditable factor and more creditable factor is for members who have given the information with legitimate problem which are being addressed.





Mr. Dushyant Mulani once again requested members to provide feedback on manual and parallel manual process being carried out with Customs. FFFAI needs to submit the detailed note to CBIC in the coming week.

Mr. Amit Kamat stated that FSSAI testing laboratory at Goa has been closed down due to non-renewal of its accreditation and there are no other accredited laboratory at Goa where samples can be tested which requires FSSAI NOC. The samples needs to be forwarded to Pune especially when the sample is alcoholic concentrate it cannot be sent by courier hence the person has to carry the sample for testing at Pune which is time consuming and expensive. The issue has been addressed to local Customs requesting them to take up the issue FSAAI to have laboratory in Goa because there are lot of food consignments and alcohol concentrate which comes to Goa and require FSAAI NOC. He added that as per new rules of lockdown in Maharashtra the borders are sealed hence people cannot travel from Goa to Pune to submit the samples. He sad Goa Association will be representing the matter to FSAAI and copy of the letter will be forwarded to FFFAI and requested FFFAI to address the same with FSAAI and CBIC as Customs is the nodal agency and have to facilitate the clearance of cargo where Allied Agency are concerned.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that we have issued the circular to trade associations to take up the issue with the department regarding the challenges faced by the exim trade because as of now only Customs Brokers Associations are taking up the issue with the department and trade support is not as expected. He requested President of Member Associations to write to local chambers, trade associations to take the issue faced locally for clearance of cargo.

CBLR

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar informed that we have included the points received from members but will organize a physical meeting to discuss the same for which communication will be forwarded to members. After our meeting we will submit the points to Board.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani requested all location wherever the custodians have put the circulars to appoint panel of customs brokers please share that circular, communication to FFFAI Secretariat for onward representing to CBIC.

Agenda no.7b: GST/ Service Tax Matters

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar said if there are any issues related to GST/ Service Tax to be forwarded to FFFAI.

Agenda no.7c: Port related Issues.

Mr. A. V. Vjayakumar stated that we have submitted the points which were received from the members to include in the agenda for the SCOPE-Shipping meeting. He further stated that points sponsored for SCOPE – Shipping meeting are not new as FFFAI has already taken up the issue with Ministry of Shipping, DG Shipping, Customs, CSLA but in the SCOPE – Shipping meeting other stakeholders and other Government agencies are also invited hence the points have been forwarded to include as agenda for the SCOPE-Shipping meeting.





Mr. Shankar Shinde stated that apart from the points already sponsored we will add the points regarding PGAs challenges faced i.e. online submission, practical submission of samples, testing of laboratories, and duplicate system of applying under Single Window to Customs as well as on separate private portal which PGAs are having.

Mr. B. N. Rajmoghon stated that he had forwarded the points regarding ISPS registration for the newly Vizhinham international upcoming port. He requested to take up the issue of ISPS registration since it is pending from 2013 onwards, once the registration is done then rest of shipping formalities can be completed including transfer of cargo.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar replied that the port is under construction and not operational once it is operational representation can be done.

Mr. Puneet Jain stated that most of the times shipping companies are moving the containers in part to hinderland ICDs from the port though the Custom Brokers are ready for the clearance but are unable to clearance as in most of the locations it is not allowed excepted for Homogenous cargo. He suggested that detention charges should be charged by the shipping lines after the last arrival of container. He requested to include this issue also in the agenda of the SCOPE – Shipping.

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Agenda no.7d: **Sea Freight related issues**

There were no points for discussion.

Agenda no.7e: **Airport and Airfreight related Issues.**

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated that we have sponsored points to be included in the agenda of SCOPE-Air meeting.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that FFFAI has received communication from members regarding short shipment, part shipment, difficulties thereof not with customs but with airlines, custodians, and consolidators whereby there are lot of parallel manual process being carried out which has been represented. He added that one important point which has been represented is SOP for clearance of consignment right from receiving of consignment till final clearance required with specific time line right from landing of cargo to flight segregation, till final deliver along with specific time line should be followed by each stakeholder.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna stated that Customs are working on the module where part shipment will be taken on the bill of entry itself especially for the air will be ready shortly.

Agenda no.7f: **ICD related issues**

Mr. Vinod Sharma stated that they have not received points regarding ICD related matter.

Mr. Shankar Shinde stated the points has been include in the agenda of the SCOPE – Shipping regarding movement of containers to ICD where shipping lines are rejecting for filing of SMTP because they do not have service office. Apart from rail operator there are road transport operator also who carry the





container and return back to the nominated empty yards at discharge port. As the shipping lines do not have their office but it is the requirement of the importers and on request they are rejecting such request. He requested members to forward the issue which will help FFFAI to take up during the SCOPE – Shipping meeting.

Mr. Vinod Sharma stated that he would like to address the following issues

- a) Shipping lines are not willing to give services at all ICDs though they have their office at that location.
- b) There are few shipping lines who have started charged on carrier haulage which is much higher than merchant haulage.
- c) Shipping lines are approaching the importer directly for the clearance due to which Customs Brokers are losing their business
- d) Few ICDs are engaging Custom Brokers on their panel and are not allowing other Custom Brokers to carry out the business.

He suggested that above issue should be discussed in SCOPE – Shipping meeting.

Agenda no.7g: **Association Matters.**

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Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that except Chennai Association none of the Association have report hence if any association would like to report may please do the same.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar appreciated Chennai association for taking initiative to vaccinate their members and staff. He requested other associations to take such initiative for their members and staff.

Mr. Vinod Sharma said he on behalf of FFFAI would like to thank Mr. Rajdeepak Bhargava and Mr. Pradeep Kale who had tied up with the hospital to carry out vaccine drive for members and their staff.

Mr. Vinod Sharma stated that there is communication Mr. Rajesh stating that non-member of the association are also carrying out the business hence it should be made mandatory that all the members who have been granted Custom Brokers license should become member of local association.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar replied that as per Custom Brokers Licensing Regulation it is very clear that Custom Brokers has to become member of local association if any recognised by Commissioner of Customs and if the Custom Brokers are not becoming the member of local association they should report to the local Commissioner.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna stated that there should be database of all association members to check whether those many people are active in that location or not. He added that this will create KYC norms amongst Custom Brokers, employees and will also create fear in the minds of the people that our database is available at national level and if any point of time any issue come then they will be expose as the database will contain their residence address, etc., but it should be done in such a way that confidentiality is maintained at certain level at the same time we should be able to know who are the members who are not the members of local association. He said at Delhi & Noida there are large player who are not the member of local association similarly members will be there at other locations also. If





FFFAI approaches to the Customs, Board with the data, it will give more creditability to representation. Today we are absolutely fragmented into database. He volunteered to create the same but the Chairman should disseminate the information to all the association to upload the data of members on the web.

Agenda no.8: **To discuss about Indian Institute of Freight Forwarders matters: (IIFF)**

Mr. Tej Contractor stated that IIFF is running one of the largest course online with batch of about 70 students which is ongoing and are in middle of second trimester. IIFF is pleased to inform that

- a) IIFF has entered into the MOU with IMBA University at Dehradun.
- b) IIFF has tied up with the company who will help to promote IIFF
- c) IIFF is in advance discussion with one of the University in Kerala and there are other two to three University which are shortlisted.

He hoped that by next Executive Committee Meeting there will be more development in IIFF. He requested members if they know any Institute or any senior person in the University do connect them to IIFF.

He explained the process of tying with University

- i) IIFF team will first qualify the University to conduct the IIFF program
- ii) After qualifying IIFF will permit them to conduct the IIFF program
- iii) Marketing and administration will be handled by University
- iv) IIFF will ensure that course is conducted as per the curriculum
- v) IIFF will act as University and will give directions, conduct the exam and release the result.

There is also one more initiative that IIFF is going digital by tying up with digital platform which not only works on training but also on recruitment. Members from various location will be able to post the job online on that platform, once the job is posted online student will be able to sign for the job if they have completed eighty percent of the skills. He stated that first we are working on classification module to be digitalized. Also there will be facilities if anyone wants at company level to check what the results, reports and how education process is of particular student.

He thanked FFFAI Office Bearers and Executive Committee members for their support extended to IIFF.

Agenda no.9: **To approve applications received from Associate and Allied membership of FFFAI**

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed members that FFFAI had received nine new applications for Associate membership four 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 C)**

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Agenda no.9a: **To discuss about attestation of Allied Member Application by Member Associations**

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar informed that local member association attestation is required on the application of allied membership who are apply for the membership of FFFAI.

Mr. Shankar Shinde stated that there could be situation where there is no local association to attest the application in that case which jurisdiction should be considered or which local association to be approached for taking the attestation. He suggested that some relaxation to be given where there is no location association from where member is applying.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar replied that there will be jurisdiction association as there are Custom Brokers working and strongly proposed that Allied membership application should be attested by local jurisdictional association.

The house unanimously agreed that application for allied membership should be attested by the local association.

Agenda no.10: **To approve the quotation received for renovation of FFFAI office**

Mr. Sudhir Agarwal informed that FFFAI office needs renovation work as there is attack of terminate in the office and most of the furniture, false ceiling is in bad shape hence renovation has to be carried out urgently.

He stated that we have received the quotation from few vendors and the tentative budget is eight to nine lacs but depending upon the work position there may be some incremental work which we may do. He informed that it will cost approx. ten lacs for the office to come into proper shape. The final cost will be known once the work start. The company which was to start the work could not start as many member of the team are unfortunately affected by COVID hence we are not able to close but will have to do the work and will try to negotiate as much as possible.

He further stated that we are putting up a criteria wherein we are selecting some product which we will be able to sustain more in our office because building in which we have office has lot of terminate problem hence we have use the product which are quite terminate resistant which could escalate more cost.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna suggested not to have false ceiling as it is the primary location from where the terminate starts, side panel which is made of POP if we can avoid this thing.

The house approved the quotation received for renovation of FFFAI office.

Agenda no.11: **To announce date and venue of next EC Meeting**

Mr. A V. Vijayakumar informed that we are trying to have physical meeting if the situation improves hence the date and venue will be intimate to members well in advance.



Agenda no.12: To discuss and update about conducting 24th Biennial Convention of FFFAI

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated it has been already decided to conduct the 24th Biennial Convention at Chennai. We shall update the members shortly.

Agenda no.13: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Mr. Paresh Thakkar stated he would like to discuss the issue of recovery of outstanding. He added that there was lot of discussion about the same in FFFAI and across the country and it was suggested to obtain NOC, or some mechanism whereby the outstanding dues could be recovered.

He said when member of FFFAI send communication stating that they are facing issue of recovering the dues from his client, there should be some mechanism where association starts a dialog with importer that if they do not clear the dues there name will be displayed on the website by which other members will be cautious to deal with such company as they have defaulted on their payment to Custom Broker. The issue was discussed with one or two lawyers and have informed that such mechanism can be done by FFFAI to have dialog with importer. If the importer does not response than FFFAI can display the name on their website which will put pressure on the importer to clear the dues.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar said the issue was discussed in the Office Bearers meeting. In most of the location there is grievance committee and appeal committee who addresses the issue.

Mr. S. Ramakrishna said that we have created zone-wise lawyer who could recover, give advice on GST matter, various matters which can be revived. He opined that by writing a message to exim trade that your name will be circulated by FFFAI itself is a great deterrence.

Mr. Kartik Pancholi stated that this issues has been discussed numbers of times in FFFAI forum. He request that system should be introduced to obtain NOC mandatory to secure the financial part of our members.

Mr. Sudip Dey appreciated suggestion given by Mr. Paresh Thakkar in the matter.

For recovery of FFFAI outstanding amount Honorary Treasurer Mr. Sudhir Agarwal informed that proforma invoices have been forwarded to all members towards membership subscription for the current year. If any member who have not paid their previous dues is also included in the current year proforma invoices. He stated that list of outstanding dues for each location will be prepared by FFFAI Secretariat and will be forwarded to each location. He requested Presidents and Executive Committee members to use their good office to recovery the dues.

Mr. S. Nataraja informed to provide the list of entire outstanding list of Chennai and he will take care to recovery the membership dues.

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Mr. Sudip Dey stated that it has come to notice of the members that documents are being filed in their name without their knowledge and was known as email was received by them that documents has been filed in their name also from the location where they do not have their license endorsed. He suggested taking up the issue with Board. This issue is happening mainly at Land Custom Station.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar stated it is not possible to file the documents without knowledge of Custom Brokers and digital signature of Custom Brokers. It is may be possible that document were filed through local service center for clearance.

Mr. Sudip Dey stated that he will share the document from member.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that RMS facilitated bill of entry after paying the custom duty it goes back to APR Appraising queue hence want to know from other locations how it is happening i.e. whether goods registration is done prior to inward entry date or after inward date. He requested members to forward the instances to FFFAI Secretariat as FFFAI is studying the cases for representing to CBIC and DG System.

Vote of Thanks

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar thanked members to attending the meeting in large number on the working day.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani thanked Executive Committee Members to attend the online meeting. He informed that we have good attendance for the 9th 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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Sd/-

Dushyant Mulani
Honorary Secretary

To: All Executive Committee Members of FFFAI
To: All Member Associations of FFFAI
To: All Board of Advisors of FFFAI
To: All Nominees of Associate and Allied Members

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Annexure (A)

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)

Meetings attended by FFFAI nominee on behalf of FFFAI

Sr. No	Date	Particular	Attended by
1	16.02.2021	Webinar on Strategy for implementation of Budget announcements	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr. Shankar Shinde
2	20.02.2021	Webinar to apprise the maritime associations about the developments and seek their ideas to enhance the participation at MIS 2021 by Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr. Shankar Shinde
3	23.02.2021	FIATA Working Group Road Meeting	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar
4	24.02.2021	FIATA Working Group Rail Meeting	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar
5	01.03.2021	'Policy for National Grid of Terminals	Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar, Mr. Tej Contractor, Mr. Nirav Thakker, Mr. Dushyant Mulani
6	2-4.03.21	Maritime India Summit 2021 - Session on Boosting Business Through Trade Promotion and Regional Connectivity	Mr. Shankar Shinde
7	03.03.2021	NCTF Working Group on Outreach	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar
8	03.03.2021	Meeting to discuss commencement of commercial operations of INSTC by CONCOR	Mr. Shankar Shinde
9	22.03.2021	Discussion on Logistics Excellence Awards	Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar & Mr. Shankar Shinde
10	23.03.2021	FIATA Region Asia Pacific Meeting	Mr. Tej Contractor
11	25.03.2021	FICCI jointly with FFFAI is organizing the webinar to highlight the importance of UN TIR and its benefits for Bangladesh and other BBIN countries to join the TIR Convention.	Mr. Shankar Shinde
12	05.04.2021	Notice issued by Mumbai Cargo Service Centre Airport Pvt Ltd regarding Tariff of International Cargo Handling of Mumbai Cargo Service Center Airport Pvt. Ltd. at CSMI Airport Mumbai.	Mr. Vipin Vohra & Mr. Dushyant Mulani

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13	12.04.2021	Meeting with Member (Customs) to discuss reg. Faceless Assessment	Mr. A. V.Vijayakumar, Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mr. S. Ramakrishna
14	13.04.2021	3rd meeting of our international Work Group on the INSTC coordination and development	Mr. Shankar Shinde

Annexure (C)

LIST OF NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Sr No	Name of Members	Applied From	Enclosure	Attested by
1	Watson Logistics Private Limited	Mumbai	CB License	BCBA
2	Baid Organisation Pvt.Ltd	Mumbai	CB License	BCBA
3	Shivam Corporation	Mumbai	CB License	BCBA
4	M.S.R Agencies	Mumbai	CB License	BCBA
5	Infinity Logistics & Supply Chain Pvt.Ltd	Mumbai	CB License	BCBA
6	Rashi Global Shipping	Mumbai	CB License	BCBA
7	Morarji Umarji Clearing and Forwarding Pvt. Ltd	Mumbai	CB License	BCBA
8	Skylog Marine India Pvt.Ltd	Chennai	CB License	CCHAA
9	Naman Exim	New Delhi	CB License	DCBA

LIST OF NEW ALLIED MEMBERS

Sr No	Name of Members	Applied From	Enclosure	Attested by
1	Spedition	New Delhi	MTO Certificate	DCBA
2	RP Nexus Worldwide Pvt. Ltd	Chennai	MTO Certificate	CCHAA
3	Satlog Solutions Private Limited	New Delhi	MTO Certificate	DCBA
4	MILI Logistics LLP	Mumbai	MTO Certificate	BCBA

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