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**Sub: Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) and
Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee(CCFC) -
Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 21.01.2022 - Reg.**

The meeting of the **Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee(PTFC) and Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee(CCFC)** for Hyderabad Customs Commissionerate was held **at 15:00 Hrs on 21.01.2022**, through Virtual mode, which was presided by Smt. B.V. Shivanaga Kumari, Chief Commissioner of Customs & GST, Hyderabad Zone, Hyderabad and co-chaired by Shri M. Raghu Ram Reddy, Commissioner of Customs, Hyderabad Customs Commissionerate.

2. The following Officers from the Department side were present;

Sl.No.	Name of the Officer S/Shri/Smt	Designation
1	P.D. Puli	Additional Commissioner of Customs
2	Gopi Donthireddy	Joint Commissioner of Customs
3	P.Dileep Kumar	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, ICD Thimmapur, Hyderabad
4	D. Jagadish	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Air Cargo Complex, Hyderabad
5	P.M.Yahwanth	Deputy Commissioner, Air Cargo Complex, Hyderabad
6	Siva Krishna	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, ICD Sanathnagar, Hyderabad
7	Ravi Prasad	Deputy Commissioner, EPD, Hyderabad
8	Amaresh	Deputy Commissioner, CCO
9	G.Manmohan Reddy	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Head Quarters(Technical)

3. The following officers and representatives of various stakeholders participated in the meeting:

Sl.No.	Name of the Participant S/Shri/Smt./Ms.	Organization represented M/s.
1.	T. Abhimanyu	General Secretary, Hyderabad Customs Broker Association
2.	Rajkumar	Hyderabad Customs Broker Association
3.	P.T. Srinath	Joint Director & Telangana Head Federation of Indian Export Organisations
4.	Thakur Purushotham	GMR
5.	Manish Agnihotri	GMR Hyderabad Air Cargo
6.	Ahmed	Online Shipping Company
7.	Jyoshtna Koneru	Manager(Admin& Operations), BATCO

8.	Dr. Sonia Sharma	Animal Quarantine Station, Hyderabad
9.	Zavndya Nagamma,	CWC, CFS
10.	Tulasi D Prasad	Air Cargo Agents Association, Chairman
11.	Laurence Jacobi	Emirates
12.	Adil Khan	Customs Broker Association
13.	Vikrant Singh	Customs Broker Association
14.	MH Subramaniam	GMR
15.	K.K.Prasad	CONCOR, ICD, Sanathnagar.
16.	Murali Krishna	Director
17.	Virat Singh Sengar	AGM, GMR
18.	Surya Teja	ADC, CCO
19.	Kamal Jain	Air Cargo Forum(ACFI)
20.	Abhay Tangade	DD, FSSAI
21.	G.R.K.Reddy	PPO, Plant Quarantine

4. The meeting started with the Additional Commissioner of Customs welcoming all the members of PTFC and CCFC, followed by Chief Commissioner giving a key note address. Chief Commissioner while advising all members to take adequate precaution in view of the COVID conditions instructed that as Revenue being the priority in the third quarter of the financial year, concerted efforts may be put forth to clear any pending issues with the trade and also directed to clear the consignments without any delays. She assured support on behalf of Customs in this regard.

5. CC also intimated the members that with regard to Express Cargo Terminal, requirement of additional Customs staff has been forwarded to the Board and the programme for training to Custodians/Courier agents/ staff is ready. She requested the eight Courier Agencies who have applied for Registrations so far, to furnish the required KYC details at the earliest to complete the Registration process so that they can undergo the training.

6. Commissioner expressed that since Time Release Study is undertaken from 1st January to first week of February at ACC, he requested cooperation in this regard from the stakeholders and also indicated that a sensitization programme was also held by the Deputy Commissioners with the CHA's and the Custodian. As regards the Proposed Cargo Terminal, he informed that DG Systems are likely to open the network connection on 21.01.2022. Commissioner informed that he requested Shi. Saurabh CEO, GMR to encourage Courier agencies who applied for registration to complete the KYC process. He also stated that some of courier agencies who applied for authorization are already operating at other Courier Terminals in the country. He indicated that as per Courier regulations, the process is very simple for such applicants, i.e. furnishing of intimation form, Bond and BG along with documents of their registrations with other formations. He requested such applicants to complete such process at the earliest.

7. As regards single agenda Point with reference to AEO T2 status of M/s GK Wires, Commissioner stated that there are about 10 such applications pending in the commissionerate for which the physical verification was hitherto done by Technical section of this commissionerate and the same is now assigned to EPD and the process in these applications are likely to be completed in about 10 days.

8. Commissioner requested that as the PTFC and CCFC meetings are scheduled every third Wednesday of the month, the agenda points, if any, from

the stake holders may be provided by second Wednesday every month so that the same can be studied for appropriate solution or reply in the meeting.

9. Opportunity was however accorded to Shri.Tarak Srinath, FIEO to place fresh agenda point in the meeting. Shri Srinath raised issue faced by a manufacturer exporter of Latex Surgical Gloves are facing HS Code mismatch issue after recent amendment of HS code of Latex Surgical Gloves from 40151100 to 40151200. Their consignee in the other countries are requesting for the old HS code 40151100 as per their rules. While filing GST return the code reflected is 40151100

10. Commissioner and Additional Commissioner have clarified on this that the changes have come on account of updation of International Harmonised System which are implemented by Govt. of India from 01.01.2022 and the classification applicable in India needs to be adopted by the exporter. In case of difficulty, 04 digit classification can be adopted for shipping Bill to avoid difficulties in filing GST returns. In case of any further difficulty the matter can be raised for representing before the TRU, CBIC.

11. Commissioner further requested that any agenda points from the tax payer, exporter or association are required be represented before Commissionerate first and after reasonable time, the same can be brought up to this forum.

12. Commissioner on behalf of Customs as one of the stakeholders, requested CC to allow sponsoring of point on improving the quality of document filing that has bearing on data processing in future and also in evaluation of Time Release Study. He requested to allow Shri.Nagaraju, DC ICD, Sanathnagar to give a brief introduction on the same to which CC readily agreed.

13. Shri. Nagaraju DC expressed the stakeholders that in order to make faceless assessment a success, the good quality of data submission is a pre requisite. He stated that it goes a long way in helping the department to speed up the clearance of both Import & Export consignments. He requested the CHA's to take note of the following aspects while filing documents at Customs ports

(a) The description of the item imported should be precise and unambiguous. He stated that at times, CHAs are mentioning only part no. of the item imported. In such cases, the assessing officer finds it difficult to ascertain the correct CTH and is forced to raise queries. This is resulting in increase of dwell time and consequently resulting in delay in clearance. Hence, he suggested CHAs to declare clear description of the item imported while filing B/Es.

(b) CB's are strongly recommended to upload technical writeup / catalogue of all items in e-sanchit. This will result in processing the B/E swiftly.

(c) CB's are requested to upload all other mandatory documents in original wherever it is warranted viz. test reports, FTAs, Import Licences etc.

(d) At times, CHAs are replying to the queries even without confirming whether IRN document was uploaded in e-sanchit. This is resulting in multiple queries. CHAs are advised to confirm that IRN document was uploaded in e-sanchit and then reply to the query accordingly.

Commissioner

(M.R.R.Reddy)

15/02/2022
[Signature]

16. The next PTFC/CCFC meeting will be held on 16.02.2022 at 03 PM.

15. Additional Commissioner thanked Chief Commissioner and all the stakeholders for attending the meeting and giving their valuable contributions.

14. Further CC added that timely payment of duties after assessment is also important aspect in Time Release Study and also for qualitative and speedy disposal and she therefore requested stakeholders to make speedy payments after assessments. CHA Association reciprocated that they will communicate these guidelines to all the CHA's

(f) It can be summarized that the quality of the documents submitted and fulfillment of procedural requirement is paramount for ensuring that import consignments are cleared expeditiously without any query. In this regard, the role of CB is pivotal. They act as bridge between the Importer & Customs. Therefore, he requested CB's & Importers to ensure that the quality of data provided is apt and relevant to the goods imported and this go a long way in assisting the department in taking up assessment and speedy clearance.

(i) Certain electronic goods require compliance of BIS Standards and EPR conditions.

(h) Port Restrictions: Certain goods such as seeds, New/Old vehicles are restricted for import in Hyderabad. Pesticides/ insecticides etc. require CIB registration in absence of which, the goods cannot be cleared and rendered liable for re-export or destruction.

(g) The board has been advocating the trade to adopt National Bond. However, the stakeholders are reluctant and are filing local bonds.

(f) With the recent changes in CTH, the stake holder are required to familiarize with the changes and accordingly file the BE's.

(e) When it comes supporting documents, it is imperative for the stake holders to understand the kind of documents required for a particular Product/ Commodity. For instance, in case of chemicals COA is must, for machinery Catalogue, writup for electric goods, the attraction of MEITY provisions, for used goods MOEF rules etc. Therefore Custom Broker/Importer should have a fair idea of supporting documents that are required for clearance of imported goods. Further, in case the CB/Importer has any difficulty, they can approach the Customs / Tax Payers facilitation cell for guidance.