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**Minutes of "Trade Facilitation Committee" Meeting held on 28.12.2018 in the
Customs Board Room at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata**

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting was held on 28.12.2018 at 17:00 hours in the Customs Board Room at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata. The meeting was presided over by Shri M A Ansari, Additional Commissioner of Customs (Airport & Administration).

Following agenda points raised by Air Cargo Agents Association of India, Eastern Region (ACAAI) were discussed in the meeting :

1. Holiday / Mid-Night clearance of cargo still facing challenges at ACC. ICDR Scanning ('IMEI Cloning and Duplication Restriction' System scanning for validation of physical IMEI certificate details) is not happening on Holidays and Midnight. [Export Shed & Import Shed, Customs]

Discussion : As a trade facilitation measure, 24x7 clearance has been enabled at ACC Kolkata vide Public Notice No. 16/2017 dated 11.04.2017. Officers' fortnightly Duty Roster (for Import Shed and Export Shed) is issued in advance by DC (Admin) and the same is also put on the Customs Notice Board for information of trade at ACC Kolkata. However, it has been observed that on holidays and late nights, despite officers being present for 24x7 clearance, trade representatives do not come forward for cargo clearance which defeats the purpose of 24x7 duty roster. Further, Time Release Studies and Dwell Time Analysis reports for ACC Kolkata point out to abnormally high average time taken by Trade in (i) payment of import duty after assessment and (ii) presenting goods for registration after assessment/duty payment stage. In every TFC meeting, Trade is being sensitized to improve upon this aspect.

Response/Decision : Import Shed officials have been directed to ensure 24x7 clearance in shed. Non-compliance on part of officers and problems faced by Trade in this regard should be brought to the notice of Additional Commissioner (A&A) or DC (Admin) with specific incident/shipment details. In order to enable ICDR Scanning (for validation of physical IMEI certificate) even on holidays / late nights, an email has been sent by DC (Admin) to 'Mobile Standards Alliance of India / MSAI' on 04.01.2019 requesting individual login and password for all Examiners posted at ACC Kolkata.

2. Inordinate delay is taking place in clearance of import Diplomatic Mail. The process of obtaining permission to file Kachha Bill of Entry (processing of applications submitted through Sevottam) is taking long time. [Sevottam & EDI Section]

Response/Decision : Concerned Customs Broker / Representative of Diplomatic person should meet DC (EDI & Import) within two hours after submitting the application for clearance of import Diplomatic Mail. In case of delay, concerned officers/staff shall be asked to explain the specific reason for delay.

