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Minutes of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee Meeting (CCFC) held on 27.11.2018 at 04:00 P.M in the Board Room of Custom House, Kolkata

The Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee Meeting was held in the Board Room of Custom House, Kolkata on 27.11.2018. The meeting was presided over by the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone.

The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone welcomed all the members.

Following issues were discussed in the meeting:

A. Points Submitted by FIEO

1. The representative of FIEO informed that though the banks do not need Shipping Bills in physical form, they are still insisting on the same. Exporters are facing problem as banks are refusing to issue BRC documents for Shipping Bills from Non-EDI ports until they are uploaded on EDPMS.

Response/Decision:

The issue is related to CCP, West Bengal. The Commissioner of Customs, CCP stated that RBI has informed that in cases of EDI Ports, uploading of data in EDPMS has to be done by the Customs. As, with the issuance of the Public Notice No. 03/2017-CUS dated 30.06.2017, status of Mahadipur LCS along with Changrabandha LCS, Phulbari LCS, Panitanki LCS, Radhikapur LCS, Chamurchi LCS and Birpara LCS have turned from Non-EDI to EDI enabled ports, uploading of the Data in EDPMS has to be done by the Customs.

The Commissioner of Customs, CCP stated that though the aforesaid ports have been notified as EDI ports, in reality they are yet to be functional as EDI ports. Since, the uploading of documents in EDPMS is not possible till the non EDI ports become EDI enabled, RBI will be informed of the factual position and requested to upload the details as is being done by SBI for exports through the LCS in North Bengal till all the LCSs are EDI enabled.

However, EDI facility would be implemented in the LCSs shortly. The uploading on EDPMS would be done by the Banks only and then remittance would be allowed. The Commissioner, CCP also informed that the banks would be informed accordingly to process the documents manually unless EDI is implemented in the LCSs.

(Action: CCP, West Bengal)

B. Points Submitted by CCHAA

1. The representative of CCHAA informed that with the introduction of Single Window and SWIFT, manual exchange of documents between Customs and PGAs should happen only in exceptional cases. However, it has been observed that large number of documents is being sent to Additional Drug Controller Office and Plant Quarantine and Animal Quarantine Office manually.

Response/Decision:

The Asst. Commissioner (Air Cargo Complex) said that, the Deputy Director (E), Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Kolkata vide letter dated 25.07.2018 requested to refer those BoEs manually to PQA, in which NOC from PQA is waived on RMS basis. Further, the Drug Inspector, Office of the Drugs Controller vide letter dated 17.09.2018 under Ref. No. ADC-ACC-Misc-03/2018 requested Customs to refer all drug items (Including Chapter 28, 29, 30, 33, 35, 38, 90 & 98) to their office for scrutiny and issuance of NOC. Accordingly, such Bills of Entry are being referred to them manually.

The Commissioner of Customs, Airport & Admin stated that Bills of Entry shall not be referred to PGAs manually. He stated that manual correspondence from Customs side is discouraged and one Public Notice No. 65/2018 dated 05.07.2018 has already been issued in this regard in Port Commissionerate. Public Notice on similar lines will be issued in Airport & Admin Commissionerate also.

(Action: Airport & Admin Commissionerate)

2. The representative of CCHAA informed that all Shipping Lines should introduce system of issuing E-DO, which will facilitate in ease of doing business. Recently a service provider held an introduction session of how business can be facilitated, organized by ASIC. Customs department had also attended the same. Therefore, the CCFC forum should press all stakeholders to implement E-DO within a certain time frame.

Response/Decision:

The Commissioner of Customs (Port) stated that implementation of system of E-Delivery Order is the responsibility of Ministry of Shipping as outlined in National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (2017-2020). Hence, primarily it is responsibility of the Shipping Lines to ensure implementation of E-Delivery Order.

The Chief Commissioner stated that a meeting with all the Shipping Lines operating at Kolkata Port should be organized to discuss the issue of E-Delivery Order and how to implement it successfully as mandated by Government of India for Trade Facilitation. Based on the outcome of meeting, an advisory Public Notice may be issued.

(Action: Port Commissionerate)

C. Points Submitted by FSSAI

1. The representative of FSSAI informed that from 1st Oct'18 to 26th Nov'18, 42 Nos. of Bills of Entry have been referred manually with Custom requisition letters which is large in number. So it is requested that the matter may be taken up with DG Systems for transmission through system.

Response/Decision:

The Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Air Cargo Complex) informed that for those 42 Bills of Entry, EDI system in Customs Offices were showing that those should be given Out of Charge subsequent to issuance of NOC by FSSAI. However, the system in FSSAI is showing the status of bills of entry as "Waived". In such cases, Customs didn't have any other option except referring those Bills of Entry to FSSAI through letters for NOC.

The Commissioner of Customs (Port) stated that a Public Notice No. 65/2018 dated 05.07.2018 in Port Commissionerate has been issued directing all stakeholders to check the status of the Bills of Entry from the ICEGATE website and give NOCs, if required instead of sending letters for NOC. He also stated that non reflection of Bills of Entry on FSSAI system seems to be system related issue and should be referred to DG (Systems).

The Chief Commissioner stated that the same Public Notice on same lines may be issued by Airport Commissionerate as well. As regards the system issue, the matter will be taken up on priority to avoid the instances of sending such letters for NOC.

(Action: Airport Commissionerate, EDI)

2. The representative of FSSAI also requested that for the cases where manual clearance request is made by Customs, it should be authorized by the Officers of the rank of not lower than the rank of Assistant Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner.

Response/Decision:

The Commissioner of Customs (Port) stated that no such communication by the Customs can be made. FSSAI officers can act on the request of importers/exporters by accessing the ICEGATE for checking BE status. PN No. 65/2018 dated 05.07.2018 refers.

3. It was informed that issue of transmission of waived Bill of Entry through Single Window to FSSAI has happened for the following Bills of Entry:

- i. 8178816 dated 24.09.2018
- ii. 7991662 dated 10.09.2018
- iii. 7798319 dated 27.08.2018
- iv. 7657458 dated 16.08.2018
- v. 8835784 dated 13.11.2018
- vi. 8699730 dated 01.11.2018

The representative of FSSAI informed that when those Bills of Entry are waived, they need not be transmitted through Single Window to Food Import Clearance System.

Response/Decision:

The Commissioner (Port) stated that this issue was highlighted earlier as well and this will be again communicated to DG (Systems).

4. The representative of FSSAI informed that Bills of Entry for food items filed by hotels are getting cleared by Customs but those are showing as "NOC" pending in FSSAI.

Response/Decision:

The Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Air Cargo Complex) stated that the consignments for hotel purpose are exempted from FSSAI NOC as per CBEC Circular 58/2001-Cus dated 25.10.2001. So, while giving OOC for these consignments, the notification number is mentioned in the comments section.

D. Points Submitted by Textile Committee

1. The representative of Textile Committee informed that test charges for some old test reports are pending for a long time. This issue needs to be addressed.

Response/Decision:

The Chief Commissioner stated that the existing pendency list should be provided to Customs for speedy recovery of the test charges.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

List of the officers/members who attended the meeting is enclosed.



Annexure: Attendance list.
F. No. S60 (Misc)-39/2015 A (G) Pt-II
Dated: 17.01.2019

(Amrendra Narayan)
Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Port)
Custom House, Kolkata

Copy to:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Kolkata
2. The Commissioner of Customs (Airport & Admin)
3. The Commissioner of Customs (Port)
4. The Commissioner of Customs (Preventive)
5. The Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO/Port/A&A/Preventive)
6. The Joint Director (CRCL)
7. All DCs/ACs (Port, Airport & Admin, CCP)
8. Sr. PS to Chief Commissioner, P.S to Commissioner (Port/A&A/Preventive)
9. DC (EDI), with a request to upload in the Kolkata Customs portal
10. All Participants.
11. Guard File

The following Officers / members were present during the meeting.

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer(s)/ Representatives S/Shri	Organisation
1.	B. Bhattacharya	Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone
2.	Manish Chandra	Commissioner of Customs, Port and A&A
3.	Deep Shekhar	Commissioner of Customs, CCP
4.	Amrendra Narayan	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
5.	M. A. Ansari	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
6.	Basant Kumar	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, CCP
7.	M. Yonzon	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
8.	Subrata De	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
9.	Debasish Majumdar	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
10.	Ramesh Shivram	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
11.	Mini Chowdhury	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
12.	Chandra Nath Das	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
13.	P. K. Jeena	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
14.	S.Mukherjee	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
15.	Kaushik Das	Asst. Commissioner of Customs
16.	Manoj Kumar	Appraiser
17.	Vishal Kumar	Appraiser
18.	Sunil Chahar	Appraiser
19.	S. Debnath	SCP
20.	Rajesh Kumar	SCP
21.	Ms. Jyoti	Animal Quarantine Inspector
22.	S. P. Sharma	Technician
23.	F. Zamal	Hony. Secretary, CCHAA
24.	Sudip Dey	Vice President, CCHAA
25.	Debasish Dasgupta	Asst. Manager, All Cargo CFS
26.	Suman Goswami	QAO, Textile Committee
27.	S.K.Koley	President, WBCHAS
28.	Rajesh Singh	Director, FSSAI
29.	D. P. Guha	Consultant, FSSAI
30.	Debasish Chattopadhyay	Asst. Engineer, WBPCB
31.	Debdatta Nandwani	Chief Advisor, FIEO