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Minutes of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee Meeting (CCFC) held on 12.02.2019 at 03:00 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 12.02.2019. 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 WCCB

1. The representative of WCCB (ER) informed that their Regional Office had VPN installed in 02 of their desktops out of which one is non-functional since May 2018. The matter for re-installation of VPN in the concerned desktop has been taken up with the Customs Authorities time and again vide letter F. No. W-01/76-2015/128 dated 14.06.2018 and e-mails dated 15.05.2018, 17.05.2018, 04.07.2018, 05.07.2018, 06.07.2018, 31.07.2018, 13.09.2018, but the situation remains the same. This has reduced the capacity of their office to issue NOCs by 50%. It is requested that concerned maintenance team be promptly directed to mitigate the issue and reinstall the VPN.

Response/Decision:

The Dy. Commissioner (A-I) informed the Chief Commissioner of Customs that the matter has been escalated to DG (Systems). However, for further convenience, he shared the E-Mail ID of the NODAL Officer, SWIFT, New Delhi. The Commissioner advised WCCB officers to get in touch with the Nodal Officer for quick resolution to their issue.

[Action: DC (EDI) and WCCB]

2. During the meeting, the representative of WCCB (ER) informed that many Bills of Entry pertaining to ACC are being referred to their Office manually. They said that in such cases, NOC is not required from their side.

Response/Decision:

The Chief Commissioner of Customs and the Commissioner (A&A) asked the ADC (A&A) about the reason behind the Bills of Entry being referred to WCCB manually and to resolve the issue, ADC (A&A) informed that he would look into this issue. The Commissioner stated that normally no manual reference of Bills of Entry is allowed to PGAs and instructions to that effect have been issued in the past.

[Action: DC (A&A)]

3. The Chief Commissioner inquired about the procedure of drawing samples from consignments by WCCB officers. The representative of CCHAA informed that due to shortage of manpower, WCCB officers don't collect the samples and instead the same are being sent by Customs to WCCB.

Response/Decision:

The Chief Commissioner observed that there is a chance of tampering the samples by the CHAs and Importers/Exporters and this practice of drawing and sending samples to WLA office should be modified or rationalized. He queried the WCCB representative that if such a procedure for collecting samples has been prescribed in written. He said that they should communicate to the Customs Authorities about the procedure of collecting/forwarding samples. He also advised that the representative of WCCB may contact State Wild Life Authority and request them to deploy some administrative officers of the cadre in Airport or designated WCCB nodes if WCCB is facing shortage of manpower. The Chief Commissioner also stated that training may be conducted for Customs Officers on the procedure followed by Wild Life Authorities.

[Action: WCCB]

The representative of KoPT stated that IGM availability from ICEGATE sometimes gets delayed ranging from 24 hours to 48 hours.

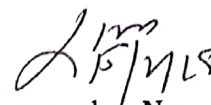
Response/Decision:

The Commissioner (Port) stated that this issue would be referred to DG (Systems), New Delhi as ICES/ICEGATE involved in message exchange is a Central Server based application controlled by DG (Systems), CBIC, New Delhi.

[Action: DC (EDI)]

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

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



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