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**Minutes of “Trade Facilitation Committee” Meeting held on 28.02.2019 in the Customs Board Room at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata**

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting was held on 28.02.2019 at 12:00 hours in the Customs Board Room at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata. The meeting was presided over by Shri Manish Chandra, Commissioner of Customs (Airport & Administration).

No agenda points were received till beginning of the meeting. Points raised by different stakeholders in the meeting were discussed, as summarised below:

1. DGM Cargo, AAICLAS stated that there was some confusion among officials of Disposal Cell (A&A), ACC Customs and AAICLAS over the number of packages for disposal/destruction. NOC from Customs was still awaited for disposal (destruction/auction) of uncleared cargo lying at ACC, which is leaving less space to the Custodian for normal operations. DGM Cargo, AAICLAS requested for an early resolution of the issue.

[AAICLAS, Disposal Cell, ACC]

*Comments* : Earlier, vide their letter dated 10.11.2017, the Custodian had requested Customs for NOC towards destruction of 179 packages lying at ACC for a long period. But the NOC given by Disposal Cell was only for 156 packages because of discrepancies noticed in the inventory, which also included few antique items (e.g. Buddha statues). Further, vide their letters dated 04.01.2018 and 20.02.2019, the Custodian has requested for NOC towards destruction of 1370 packages (in addition to previous 179 packages) and auction of 1167 packages lying at ACC. Thus, three lists/inventories have been sent by AAICLAS to Customs : two lists of goods for destruction and one list of goods for auction. Not following the due procedure for inventorisation has only caused confusion and delay in the disposal process. The Commissioner of Customs (A&A) asked AAICLAS to sort out the issue in coordination with Disposal Cell. These goods also need to be examined / inspected by Customs following due procedure, before NOC is given for their disposal.

*[Action Taken / Status Update as on 04.03.2019* : On 02.03.2019 (Saturday), a meeting of officials from Disposal Cell, ACC Customs and AAICLAS took place in the Boardroom of AAICLAS to decide the future course of disposal action. In view of discrepancies and errors noticed in previous lists/inventories, it was decided that the entire exercise needs to be started afresh. AAICLAS along with officials from Disposal Cell and ACC Customs shall give top priority to inventorisation of consignments ‘ripe for disposal and lying unclaimed’ at ACC Kolkata (Import Shed, Import Shed Strong Room, Export Shed and Export Shed Strong Room) with a target of time-bound disposal action (destruction / auction) as per merit.]

