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Minutes of the Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting (TFC) held on 29.04.2024 at 11:30 hours

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting was held on 29.04.2024 (Monday) at 11:30 hours in the Conference Hall at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI, Airport.

The meeting was presided over by Shri SHIVAJI HANUMANT DANGE, Principal Commissioner of Customs (AP&ACC).

The following attended the meeting:

Departmental Officers		
Airport & ACC Commissionerate		
Sl. No.	Name (Shri/Smt.)	Designation (of Customs)
01.	DHEERAJKUMAR DIGAMBERRAO KAMBLE	JOINT COMMISSIONER
02.	APURBA SWARNAKAR	DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
03.	BAPPADITYA BANERJEE	ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
04.	ABHIJIT BHATTACHARYA	ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
05.	PRIYAM CHOWDHURY	APPRAISER
06.	RAJA BABU	PREVENTIVE OFFICER
07.	ATANU SEN GUPTA	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Trade Representatives		
Sl. No.	Name (Shri/Smt.)	Organization
01.	K. SELVAKUMAR	AAICLAS
02.	AMIN KHAN	EMIRATES
03.	P.C. MAITY	CCHAA
04.	RAJESH DAS	BLUE DART AVIATION LTD.

05.	DEEPAK NUPANY	ASIAN EXPORTS
06.	DARSHAN LAL DHONDIYAL	MPEDA
07.	SITAKANTA MONDAL	APEDA
08.	DEBANJAN SEN	INDIGO AIRLINES
09.	ABHINABA GHOSH	INDIGO AIRLINES
10.	TARUN KUMAR YADAV	AAICLAS
11.	DHIRIT EKKA	AAICLAS
12.	RABIUL HOSSAIN	AAI/AAICLAS

At the outset, Shri Bappaditya Banerjee, A.C welcomed all the members present in the meeting and thereafter the following issues were discussed:

Issues sent to Airport & ACC Commissionerate

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Goods vehicles getting delayed at entry gate as well as Truck Dock area more than 20-30 mins. for each vehicle for manual entry of the TSP copy in the register at entry gate and after that the vehicles moving to Truck Dock area for unloading there also the security staff of AAICLAS checked every detail of each vehicle thus the delay.

Discussion during the meeting: AAICLAS General Manager replied that SOP has already been issued on this matter. He further added that only TSP (4digits) number is sufficient for entry of vehicles at entry gate. CCHAA agent said that though SOP has been issued but it has not been implemented yet.

Directions of the Chair: The chair directed AAICLAS General Manager to physically verify whether it has been implemented or not and at the same time also suggested CCHAA agent that since SOP has been issued, it will get implemented in a week or sooner as new things take a bit time to get fully functional.

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Office staff/representatives of any CHA, Importer and Exporter should be allowed to enter the ACC smoothly. As sometimes office staff of the CHA who are having offices at air cargo building also face issues in entry and those who do not have the PIC.

Discussion during the meeting: CCHAA agent said that though it was decided in the meeting that Office staff can enter ACC after entry at the

visitors register lying at the entry gate with any of the Govt. id card issued to their name, but still official letter is being asked to enter ACC. AAICLAS General manager replied that merely having Govt. id card is not sufficient, so security person at the entry gate will telephonically confirm with respective airlines/licenseses for allowing the visitors claiming to access to respective offices of airlines/licenseses.

Directions of the Chair: Since the decision taken by AAICLAS was agreed by the parties involved without any objection, the chair did not give any further directions in this regard.

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E-gate pass for import consignments still not implemented which was proposed by AAICLAS in July 2021.

Discussion during the meeting: AAICLAS General Manager replied that the work is already under process for generation of e-pass. He assured that within the month of May, he will enroll it. In this context, he also added that the only problem he is facing in issuance of e-pass is regarding storage of data so that it can be accessed easily whenever required. He also stated that he received a communication from Ministry of Civil Aviation containing National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP) regarding reduction in dwell time to 24 hours.

Directions of the Chair: The chair directed to follow up the matter and should be kept again for consideration in the next meeting.

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Few shipments in which scroll generated on 22nd Nov,2023, IGST still not credited in respective exporters' accounts.

Discussion during the meeting: Abhijit Bhattacharya, (A.C.) said that the matter has been escalated to Additional Director ICES and Deputy Director ICES and has been assured by them that the matter will be resolved soon.

Directions of the Chair: The chair stated that he has personally pursued this matter and escalated it to ADG system vide email and Whatsapp. He further added that he has received positive response from their end and the matter would be resolved soon. It was also directed to follow up the issue until it gets resolved.

Discussion of Agenda points of previous TFC meeting held on 15.03.2024

1. Airlines do not issue the payment receipt without the Original Letter of Authority from the actual consignee. (Raised by CCHAA)

Discussion during the meeting: Airlines representative stated that they ask for Original Letter of Authority from the actual consignee because there have been a few cases which are under investigation and SIIB asked from

them Original Letter of Authority. He further said that they have also received a letter stating that Emirates is not following the proper procedure of Authorisation letters for not having Original Letter of Authority.

Directions of the Chair: The chair directed not to rush to any conclusion and see the letter which airlines has received, thereafter address the problem as the situation demands.

2. In case of shipments held by Customs, due to some reasons and getting delayed in handover, AAICLAS imposing detention on those cargoes as well. (Raised by CCHAA)

Directions of the Chair: The chair directed to discuss the matter with the Joint Commissioner, Shri Dheerajkumar Digamberrao Kamble as he is posted at ACC and can have better interaction regarding this matter.

Some more issues which were deliberated upon in the meeting:

1. Bappaditya Banerjee, A.C., asked airlines representatives to bring some of the import consignments to Kolkata in order to generate revenue. The reason cited by airlines for low import consignments was that they have lesser number of international flights with Kolkata. The airlines representative also stated that the rules for clearance of cargo is more stringent here in Kolkata as compared to other zones.

2. A issue was raised by airlines representative about bringing Human remains into India from abroad stating that in Kolkata, Kaccha Bill of Entry and many other documents are asked for Human remains but in other zones it is much easier with less documentation involved.

Directions of the Chair: The chair directed to have a fresh look at the matter as there should be no disparity in rules involving the same matter with respect to different zones.

3. (i) An exporter Deepak Nupany, Asian Exports - raised a concern that they need to submit photograph of every fish that they export just because a particular species of fish is prohibited in India.

Bappaditya Banerjee, A.C. replied that there are more than one species of fish which are prohibited under CITES Convention as a result of which photograph of each species of fish needs to be checked.

Directions of the Chair: The chair directed to ask Wildlife representative to attend the next meeting so that matter can be dealt with more clarity.

(ii) Deepak Nupany also raised a concern related to airlines over exorbitant freight charges which has led to the reduction in the number of cargoes.

Directions of the Chair: The chair directed to take up the matter with MPEDA as Deepak Nupany's issue was related to export of marine products. Meanwhile, Airlines were also suggested to escalate the matter to higher authorities in order to find a way out.

4. APEDA representative was asked to take initiative to increase the exports from Kolkata. In this context, he stated that he is trying to rope in exporters of Mango from Orissa as production of mangoes in West Bengal this season has not been much. Also discussed about the problems arising

due to rising freight rate and said that he raised the issue to Ministry of Civil Aviation so that they may issue suitable instructions to airlines to reduce freight charges.

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

This issues with the approval of Pr. Commissioner of Customs, AP & ACC.

Date:16-05-2024

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