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MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC)
MEETING HELD ON 29.09.2021 AT 12:30 HRS. IN VIRTUAL MODE

The PTFC [PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE] Meeting was held on 29.09.2021 at 12:30 Hrs. in virtual mode at Custom House, Tuticorin under the Chairmanship of Shri. Dinesh K. Chakravarthy, Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin.

2. The following Departmental officers and members from the other agencies/CFS attended the meeting:

Sl. No.:	Name of the officer (S/Shri/Smt)	Designation
1.	S. Varalakshmi	Joint Commissioner
2.	W. Paul Peter	Assistant Commissioner
3.	G. Munisamy	Assistant Commissioner
4.	D. Dinesh	Assistant Commissioner
5.	Anil Kumar. S.	Assistant Commissioner
6.	M. Kannan	Assistant Commissioner
7.	S. Ramprasad	Superintendent (Policy)

MEMBERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES / CFS

Sl. No.:	Name of Nominated Members (S/Shri.)	Name of the Organization
1.	R. Sreedhar	President, TCBA
2.	Cecil Machado	Vice President, TCBA
3.	S. Sasikumar	Secretary, TCBA
4.	J. Pinto Villavarayar	Asst. Secy., TCBA
5.	A.S. Ramasamy	EC Member, TCBA
6.	Minesh Raja	--do--
7.	S. Manthiramoorthy	TSAA
8.	S. Sagayaraj	Asst. Secy., TSAA
9.	P. Sivakumar	NACFS

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members and Officers from other agencies.

POINTS TAKEN UP FOR DISCUSSION

A. Points sponsored by Tuticorin Customs Brokers Association

1. OOC for bulk Vessel and Break-bulk Vessel at docks for RMS facilitated BE's: The import cargo arriving in Break-bulk vessel which has been RMS facilitated are very much affected, when the vessel is berthing after office hours and on holidays. Our members are required to follow up with the Customs officers to complete the OOC process. It is suggested that the Customs officers available at Docks on a 24/7 basis can be designated to handle the OOC for the bulk and break-bulk vessel cargo during after office hours and holidays to avoid difficulties to the Trade.

Reply: The officers posted at RMS Cell are always available to give OOC for bulk and break-bulk vessel, whenever they are informed by the CHAs about the berthing of vessels. They are also attending office on holidays and working late night hours for giving timely OOC. It is further brought out that as per Para 6 of Facility Intimation No.02/2019 dated 09.04.2019 issued by the Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin vide C.No.VIII/48/90/2018-Cus.Pol. "all the RMS facilitated BEs pertaining to Tuticorin (INTUT1 & INTUT6) will be processed at the RMS cell, Custom House, Tuticorin only for providing OOC".

Action Owner: Assistant Commissioner (RMS).

(AC(RMS) may instruct to the officers posted at RMS Cell to attend the duty on a 24x7 basis for hassle free clearance of RMS facilitated bulk and break-bulk vessel cargo)

2. **CoO VERIFICATION:** There are import consignments cleared under Free Trade Agreement are selected for Certificate of Origin verification and the bill of entry has been provisionally assessed. We request to kindly expedite for verification of certificate and also for confirmation of verification within the time stipulated as per Carotar rules.

Reply: CoO verification has been initiated based on the CCR instructions or as a result of assessment or verification of CoO by TSK section. If the verification report has not been received in time, reminders have been sent to Nodal Agency (International Customs Division, New Delhi) requesting them to expedite the process of Verification. Moreover, if verification of the CoO has been undertaken as given in

Regulation 6(1)(C) of CAROTAR Rules 2020, the question of Provisional assessment does not arise.

Action Owner: Assistant Commissioner (TSK)

(AC (TSK) may take up the matter with the DIC, New Delhi to expedite CoC verification for early resolution of pending Provisional Assessment

cases. Action Taken Report shall be submitted to the Commissioner with 10 days)

3. **BRC ALERT REVOKING:** There is a BRC alert in the system for shippers and negative statement / BRC for the period 2014 to 2019 has been submitted by shippers. However, the alert has not been revoked and we have to get permission for every shipment due to non-closer of BRC alert.

Reply: The moment, the intimation of BRC alert is received from the CHA's or exporter, the same is examined immediately and are being put up to remove the alert within 10 days.

Action Owner: Assistant Commissioner (BRC)

(AC (BRC) may instruct the officers posted BRC Section to act upon immediately on such request viz. revocation of Alert made by the Shippers/CBs after due verification of BRC)

4. Due to the pandemic situation, we would like request Customs to kindly provide Port Clearance (PC) for vessels through on line / E mail. Informatively, vessel operators are provided with IT Certificate from Income Tax Department electronically.

Reply: Chennai Customs has issued a Public Notice No.27/2021 dated 09.04.2021 prescribing issuance of Port Clearance for vessels online. Similar Public Notice will be issued shortly.

Action Owner: Assistant Commissioner (POLICY)

(In this regard, Public Notice No.18/2021 dated 04.10.2021 has been issued)

B. Points sponsored by Tuticorin Ship Agents' Association

5. Currently, only one Customs Boarding Officer is posted at DBGT (8'th berth). As there are multiple vessels, the boarding officer when attending vessel at other conventional berth, steamer agents have to wait for a long time @ DBGT berth. Hence, requesting Customs to kindly consider posting an additional boarding officer so as to facilitate smooth & timely operations.

Reply: In the present scenario there is acute shortage in the Inspector cadre and only with one third strength, the work pressure at various duty point is being handled. The CCA, Chennai is also in the process of carrying out recruitment process in the inspector cadre. As and when the working strength of inspector is augmented by the Cadre Controlling Authority, the above grievance will automatically be resolved.

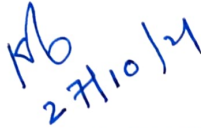
Action Owner: Assistant Commissioner (Admin)
(AC (Admin) may immediately put up a letter to the CC(Prev.), Trichy (to be signed by Commissioner) for augmentation of strength.)

C. Points sponsored by NACFS – Tuticorin

6. Facility Circular in favour of Central Warehousing Corporation in respect of E-Sealed Container verification under DPE

Reply: The matter regarding issuance of Facility Circular in favour of CWC (DPE) site is under review. After receiving comments/inputs from other stakeholders also, the decision taken thereof will be informed.

Action Owner: Assistant Commissioner (POLICY)
(AC (Policy) may expedite the matter and put up the factual report immediately after seeking the necessary comments/inputs from all the concerned stakeholders)


(DINESH K. CHAKRAVARTHY)
COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

To

The Members of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee

- a) Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association,
No.50, Beach Road, Opp. State Bank of India,
Tuticorin – 628001.
- b) Tuticorin CFS Association,
No. 108A, V.E.Road, Opp. DSF Grand Plaza,
Tuticorin – 628002.
- c) Tuticorin Ship Agents' Association,
50, Beach Road, Tuticorin – 628001.
- d) The Traffic Manager, VOC Port Trust, Tuticorin.
- e) PSA SICAL Terminal Limited, Tuticorin.
- f) D.B.G.T. Terminal Limited, Tuticorin.

Copy Submitted to:

- 1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy.
- 2. Directorate General of Taxpayer Service, Customs & Central Excise,
C.R.Building, I.P.Estate, New Delhi-110109.
- 3. Additional Directorate General of Taxpayer Service (Chennai Zone),
26/1, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600034

Copy to:

- 1. All the Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of Customs, Custom House for necessary action.
- 2. The EDI Section – for uploading in the Official website.