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**MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 16.06.2015 AT 16:00 HRS AT CUSTOM HOUSE,
TUTICORIN**

The Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) Meeting of Tuticorin Customs Commissionerate was held on 16.06.2015 at 16.00 Hrs. at Custom House, Tuticorin under the Chairmanship of Shri P.V. Subba Rao, Commissioner of Customs.

2. The following Members from the Department and Trade participated in the Meeting.

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer S/ Shri	Designation
1.	P.V.Subba Rao	Commissioner
2.	Suresh Nandanwar	Additional Commissioner
3.	Uma Shankar Goud	Joint Commissioner
4.	Balmukund	Assistant Commissioner
5.	S.Sivaprakasam	Superintendent (Policy)
6.	Shiv Pujan Kumar	Inspector (Policy)

Sl. No.	Nominated Members S/ Shri	Name of the Organisation
1.	K. Pon Venkatesh	President, TCBA
2.	A.Karthikeyan	INDEV CFS
3.	J. David Raja	St.John ICD/ NACFS
4.	J. Pinto Villavarayar	VILSON CFS.
5.	C.Karthikeya Prabhu	Secretary, NACFS
6.	M . Subramanian	CWC Nhava Seva CFS
7.	H. Shankar	CWC Nhava Seva CFS
8.	C. Arumugam	INDEV CFS
9.	D. Thilak Raj	INDEV CFS
10.	E. Anand	VILSON CFS.
11.	P. Sivakumar	Diamond CFS
12.	S. Christopher Raja	S.E.C. CFS
13.	J. Johny	CIS (HMM)
14.	S. Swamy Raj	MITSUMI O.S.K. Lines (I) Pvt Ltd
15.	C. Senthil	MSC Line
16.	P. John Britto	Raja CFS

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the participants. Thereafter the points raised by various members/ trade associations were discussed and the following decisions were taken

POINTS RAISED BY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONTAINER FRIEGHT STATIONS (NACFS)

Point No. 1. 11 CFS have provided the details of DRI/SIIB Seized/Court Case Cargo during the November month PTFC meeting. Earliest clearance as per Regulation 6(1) m of Notification No: 26/2009 shall be advised.

DECISION: As requested by the members the detailed list of SIIB seized goods Adjudication orders and Court case pending list will be prepared and given to the CFS in a separate meeting to be held for the purpose.

[Action for AC Disposal.]

Point No.2. Some occasions, vehicles are required to wait until more number of vehicles to arrive at the Container Scanning facility. The containers are offloaded at the Terminal together, without any segregation, and therefore selecting those containers which are required for scanning is not possible due to requirement of shifting other containers. Under the circumstances, it is requested that a system has to be evolved in such a way that any container arriving at the Scanning Facility shall be scanned and sent within a timeframe of one hour irrespective of the availability of required number of containers for scanning requirement.

DECISION: This issue is not a permanent one. During the month of April and May, 2015, due to error in fixation of target, around 60-70% of the import containers were marked for examination. However, necessary directions will be issued to the Terminal Operators to segregate the selected containers for scanning and stack them separately and to send them for scanning in batches. Once the Terminal Operators start following the instructions, the issue can be sorted out. Further, as submitted there is delay from Customs, the officers are suitably instructed for quick transfer of Container from Docks to Scanning.

Point No. 3.

It has been decided to conduct E-Auction for uncleared/unclaimed and abandoned cargo during last working day of every month. Since the process of getting NOC for the E-Auction is getting delayed and also there is no addition of new lots in E-Auction we kindly request your good self to intervene clearing uncleared/unclaimed and abandoned cargo for the earliest E-Auction by the concerned department.

DECISION: If the members make necessary arrangement to inform the details of uncleared/ unclaimed/ abandoned cargo well in advance in early weeks of a month, this will facilitate the sections concerned to make necessary arrangement to auction the goods at the end of the month. So, members are requested to act early to avoid any delay.

Point No.4. Due to VPN problem at the P.S.A Sical Terminal Gate the actual container movement is entered at Blue Gate Customs System once in two or three days. This is causing much difficulty and this issue needs to be addressed at the earliest.

DECISION: The issue was discussed in detail with EDI officers and issue will be taken up with the DG-System to resolve it.

Point No. 5. It has been noted that the congestion at the Port Gate is causing concern for the Transporters - more particularly to the drivers, who were becoming unrest and consequently went on a flash strike recently. In this context, we have already submitted a Public Notice No.30/2015 issued by the Commissioner of Customs, Chennai, in respect of movement of Export Laden Containers from CFS/ICD to the Container Terminal in 24x7 manner by coordinating with the Terminal for direct offloading in the Terminal without any unnecessary delay in the Port area under the guise of verification.


By this facility the containers will be gated out from the respective CFS/ICD with co-ordination with respective Terminal so that the containers will be gated out in accordance with direct acceptance at the Terminal in the specific Bay for offloading by the specific equipment.

However, as mentioned in the Public Notice, the Gate Pass needs to be signed by the Custodians and the summary of such Gate Out containers from the CFS/ICD and the Gate-in at the Terminal will be presented by the Custodians to the Customs Officers in the next working day. This system will help a lot to optimize the utility of Transport Vehicles and thereby the drivers also will not have the difficulty of waiting for long hours at the Port/Terminal area.

DECISION: As the issue was already discussed and decided , this issue has not been taken up for discussion.

Point No. 6. The volume of Containers handled at 8th berth has increased in the recent past and the related documents has to be carried from 8th berth to 7th berth in order to get signed by the Customs Officer and then it is to be handed over to the Truck Driver. This is causing an additional delay and it is also a major safety concern. So we kindly request your good self to consider this situation and take necessary steps to post a Customs Officer at the 8th berth.

DECISION: The DBGT Container Terminal has yet not operated its terminal in full swing. Moreover, they are not willing to opt for Cost Recovery posting of officials. In these circumstances posting of separate customs officer to that terminal could not be considered in view of acute shortage of staff strength.


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