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MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 11.12.2014 AT 16:00 HRS
AT CUSTOM HOUSE, TUTICORIN

The Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) Meeting of Tuticorin Customs Commissionerate was held on 11.12.2014 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.	S. A. Uma Shanker Goud	Joint Commissioner
4.	A. Sakthi	Deputy Commissioner
5.	Balmukund	Assistant Commissioner
6.	T. Muthukumar	Superintendent (Policy)
7.	Prashant Vishwakarma	Inspector (Policy)
8.	Shiv Pujan Kumar	Inspector (Policy)

Sl. No.	Nominated Members S/ Shri	Name of the Organisation
1.	K. Pon Venkatesh	President, TCBA
2.	A.S. Ramasamy	Asst. Secretary, TCBA
3.	L. Cecil Machado	Executive Member, TCBA
4.	P. Sivakumar	Diamond CFS Park
5.	J. Celestine Villavarayar	VILSON CFS.
6.	L. Pandian	A.S.Shipping
7.	Ramji Krishnan	DBGT
8.	M. Reguramen	DBGT
9.	G. Pravin Kumar	SEC Service Ltd.
10.	D. Thilak Raj	INDEV CFS
11.	S. Kandasamy	CONCOR CFS
12.	R. Jeeva Dev Anand	HARI CFS
13.	M. Raghu Kumar	CWC NSL CFS
14.	V. Minesh Raja	Executive Member, TCBA

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

POINTS RAISED BY TUTICORIN CUSTOMS BROKERS ASSOCIATION

1 . Drawback – EGM error closure

Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association (TCBA) representative referring the Facility Intimation No. 10/2014 stated that except Bill of lading, no other documents are available with Custom Brokers and also practically it will not be possible to rectify the EGM error based on the Facility Intimation.

Apart from the above, they stated that most of the errors appear due to wrong filing of EGM by the vessel operators due to their urgency to generate Export Promotion copy and to release Drawback they have to clear the EGM error. The TCBA requested to simplify the rectification procedure of EGM error.

DECISION: The Customs Brokers are not responsible for EGM /IGM error. They should not visit the MCD. The liner and their agents will have to do the needful.

2. Standard Unit Quantity Code

TCBA informed that they are filing Shipping Bills declaring UQC as per the Board Circular where specific commodities like Granite Slabs/ Tiles and Safety Matches are to be filed in Kilograms. But the trade parlances for Granite Slabs/ Tiles are in Square Feet or Square Meter and in case of Safety Matches are in cartoons. In this regard they are facing issues from Central Excise authorities insisting to prepare documents as per the export order. TCBA informed that in other Customs Stations they don't insist Standard Unit Quantity Code for specific Commodities.

They have requested to permit them to file Shipping Bills as per standard trade practices.

DECISION: Reference is invited to Para 3 of the Circular No. 26/2013- Customs, dated 19.07.2013 wherein it is stated that declaration of Single UQC against each Tariff item in Shipping Bills/ Bill of Entries as prescribed in the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 is the requirement of the law and is to be insured by the Customs that the correct UQC is mentioned in the SB / BE by the Exporter / Importer/ Customs Brokers.

3. Proof of amendment (Shutout)

TCBA stated that earlier, whenever there was shutout of consignment, we used to declare the full details. At present, for shutout, only the quantity has been certified. It is requested to certify documents as earlier. This would assist the exporters when they submit the documents to the bank for negotiation.

DECISION: The Amendment Sheet in Form Ex 1 is meant only for authorizing CMC to carry out amendment in the Shipping Bill relating to shut out export items only. Further, it is also learnt from the CMC Section that they can feed details in Systems relating to Item Qty (Kgs/ Pcs/ as per UQC) & DBK Qty (Kgs/pcs/as per UQC) only. Amendment relating to the said fields is only being carried out by the CMC in the EDI Systems and EP Copy gets generated with all correct particulars regarding the cargo actually exported vide the cancelled SB. Since Ex 1 is meant only for the departmental purpose, the Trade's demand for using the same in other purposes is not acceptable.

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

4. DRI/ SIIB Seized / Court Case Cargo

They stated that total 11 (Eleven) CFSs have provided the details of DRI/ SIIB Seized / Court Case Cargo and the same has been furnished as enclosure. Earliest clearance as per Regulation 6(1)m of Notification No. 26/2009 HCCAR -2009 shall be advised.

DECISION: The matter will be examined and action to the extent possible will be taken.

Sd/-

पी. वी. सुब्बा राव / (P.V. SUBBA RAO)
आयुक्त / COMMISSIONER

To

1. The Members of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee.
2. Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association.
3. NACFS, Tuticorin.
4. PSA SICAL Terminal Limited, Tuticorin.
5. D.B.G.T. Terminal Limited, Tuticorin.
6. The Traffic Manager, VOC Port Trust, Tuticorin.

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Copy to:

1. The Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
2. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
3. The Joint Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
4. All the Deputy / Assistant Commissioners of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
5. The EDI Section with a direction to upload in the Official website.