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विषय : स्थाई व्यापार सुविधा समिति – दिनांक 25.01.2016 को आयोजित 120वीं बैठक का कार्यवृत्त-संबंधित।

Sub: Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee - Minutes of the 120th meeting held on 25.01.2016 – Reg.

स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति की 120वीं बैठक दिनांक 25.01.2016 को 15:30 बजे सीमाशुल्क गृह, कोचिन के सम्मेलन कक्ष में सम्पन्न हुई। डॉ. के.एन. राघवन, सीमाशुल्क आयुक्त ने बैठक की अध्यक्षता की।

The 120th meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee was held at 1530 hrs on 25.01.2016 in the Conference Hall of Custom House, Cochin. Dr. K.N. Raghavan, Commissioner of Customs chaired the meeting.

बैठक में निम्नलिखित सीमाशुल्क अधिकारी उपस्थित थे: सर्वश्री/श्रीमती

The following officers of Customs were present. S/Shri/Smt

1. S. Srimathi, Dy. Commissioner
2. B. Umadevi, Asst. Commissioner
3. Sanjay Bangartale, Asst. Commissioner
4. Jimmi Joseph, Asst. Commissioner
5. Debashish Paul, Asst. Commissioner
6. Jathin K A, Asst. Commissioner
7. Mohammed Rafiq, Asst. Commissioner
8. Bhuvanachandran, Scientist 'D', NIC
9. Prasanth K C S., Superintendent of Customs
10. Vikas E, Superintendent of Customs
11. Maya Kurien, Superintendent of Customs

व्यापार और व्यापार संबंधी अन्य सरकारी संगठनों के उपस्थित प्रतिनिधि: सर्वश्री:

The Trade and other Govt. Organizations related to trade were represented by S/Shri:

1. Raj Vinod, Cochin Port Trust
2. Anan Debborma, Spices Board
3. R. Sekar, Container Corporation of India Ltd
4. Dr. Jestu George, FSSAI, Cochin
5. Dipin Kayyath, India Gateway Terminal Pvt. Ltd
6. P. P. Rajendran, CFS, Falcon, Kalamassery
7. Jacob John, CFS, Falcon, Kalamassery
8. Veera Raghav, CFS, GDKL

9. Abraham Philip, President, Cochin Custom House Agents Association & Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
10. M. B. Nadhakumar, Cochin Custom House Agents Association
11. Paul Abrao, Cochin Custom House Agents Association
12. Clinton Choweller , Cochin Steamer Agents Association
13. Prakash Iyer, Cochin Steamer Agents Association
14. Bharat Asher, Cochin Steamer Agents Association
15. Vinoy Joseph, Consolidators' Association of India
16. N N Menon, EPC for EOU and SEZ Units

आयुक्त महोदय ने सभी सदस्यों का बैठक में स्वागत किया। पिछली बैठक के कार्यवृत्त और उस पर की गई कार्रवाई पर विचार किया गया। इसके बाद नए बिंदु उठाए गए।

The Commissioner welcomed the members to the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting and the action taken in respect of points thereon was taken for consideration after which fresh points were taken up.

चर्चा के लिए उठाए गए नए मुद्दे

Action on Points taken up in the previous meeting.

बिंदु 1. इलेक्ट्रॉनिक डेलिवरी आदेश जारी करना

Point 1. Issuance of electronic delivery orders

Sri. Clinton Chowellor, representing Steamer Agents Association stated that DP World is already working with Electronic Delivery Order at other ports. He also stated that the Nava Sheva model can be adopted.

The Chair requested the gathering to furnish the Trade Notice issued at Nava Sheva, to start implementing the procedure of issuance of Electronic Delivery Order at Cochin.

बिंदु 2. दस्तावेजों को फाइल करने के लिए डिजिटल सिग्नेचर

Point 2. Digital signature for filing of documents (Pt.No: 8 in previous meeting)

The Trade pointed out that in almost 50 % of the cases, it is re-registration. The instructions for registration stipulates uploading of files within 100KB size in PDF format itself. This size restriction is creating issues. They also informed that for an entity with branch offices, branch office updation is difficult.

The Chair requested the trade facing issues in registering to send a mail with a brief of the issue faced, to the System Manager, Custom House, Cochin so that the issue can be taken up with Systems Directorate.

Point No:3. Increase in value of container running bond.(Pt. No: 10 in previous meeting)

The Chair confirmed that the previously applied values for continuity bond will hold good, in par with the neighbouring Customs Ports.He also instructed Asst. Commissioner (Prev) to ensure the same.

Fresh Points taken up

Points raised by Federation of Indian Exporters Associations (vide their mail dated 21.01.2016)

Point No: 1- Delay in processing of files on Factory Stuffing Permission- Application for FSP submitted in 2014 still pending.

The Chair stated that in most of the cases, the applications are submitted with insufficient documents which are essential for approval of the proposal. This causes the delay. Public Notice 9 of 2014 clearly specifies the documents required for considering the request. He requested the trade to bring up specific issues to examine the delay factor.

Point No: 2 – Delay and missing of shipping bills transferred from Customs Web Portal to DGFT website for availing MEIS incentives.

The Chair requested the trade to wait for a reasonable time for the upload to be complete. In cases where the uploading is not effected even after considerable time, the party may approach the concerned Appraising officer at Docks / Gr.VII for re-transmission. He also clarified that in cases pertaining to Shipping Bills with entry made in Reward column as 'N', request for re-transmission will not be entertained. Such cases, those falling within the period 01.04.2015 – 30.09.2015, are being centrally uploaded by CBEC to DGFT website.

Point raised by Cochin Customs Brokers Association (vide their Ltr No: 17/24/15/D dated 24.12.15)

Point No: 3 Clearance of Baggage (personal effects)- Self clearance by passengers.

When passenger is clearing his personal baggage on his own, he has to file the baggage declaration, after examination- payment of duty and other formalities. But some CHAs/Console Agents are performing all the procedures on behalf of the passenger and charging exorbitantly.

As an opening note, the Chair stated that the Baggage clearance process is proposed to be shifted to online in ICES most probably w.e.f. March 2016.

He stated that the issue raised is an offshoot of punitive action taken recently against some Customs Brokers, of temporary nature and if it persists, the Department can intervene.

Points raised by the members, during the meeting

Point raised by FSSAI

Point No: 3- Articles forwarded for FSSAI clearance by Air Customs-reg

Dr. Jestu George, representing FSSAI informed that Air Customs has been referring some food products- mainly muscle building, steroid supplements to FSSAI for clearance. As per the regulations, the passenger or the importer has to file request for FSSAI clearance.

The Chair stated that in most of the cases, the passenger would not turn up or bother to get the required approval and clear the detained stuff. If FSSAI infers that the material is banned or not advisable for release, the details can be furnished, so that the Department can go ahead with destruction proceedings.

Point raised by Cochin Customs Brokers' Association

Point No: 4- Frequent disruption of ICES connectivity –reg.

Sri. Abraham Philip, representing Cochin Customs Brokers' Association expressed the problems faced by the trade due to the frequent disruption in ICES network.

The Chair stated that on flagging the issue, Systems Directorate has conveyed to the Custom House to ensure a parallel connectivity at all EDI Stations. He also stated that he will be addressing all the stake holders like ICTT, CFSs etc to obtain a backup connectivity.

Point No: 5- Steamer Agents seeking financial particulars of Exporters/Importers-reg.

Sri. Abraham Philip, representing Cochin Customs Brokers' Association stated that the Steamers are seeking Income Tax statements of the Exim clients. They are already furnishing information like IEC code, PAN number etc.

Sri. Clinton Chowellor, representing Cochin Customs Steamer Agents' Association stated that it is to ensure financial stability of the customer and a copy of the Income Tax Returns filed is what they seek.

Sri. Abraham Philip opined that when coming across new companies, it is fine, but seeking such information or documents from regular customers is not fair.

Sri. Clinton Chowellor, stated that an initiative by MANSAs- Mumbai and Nava-Sheva Ship Agents Association insists for KYC particulars of the exim partner to assess his financial standing. This move is consequent to some observations/ directions by SIIB, Nava Sheva Customs.

The Chair requested the member to furnish further information on the instructions by SIIB, Custom House, Nava Sheva.

Point No: 6 – Import of Natural rubber- restrictions imposed.

Sri. NN Menon, representing EPC for EOU and SEZ Units queried whether the import restrictions for import of natural rubber affect an import to Special Economic Zones

The Chair stated that the recent restriction on import of Natural Rubber limits its import only through two Ports namely Chennai and Nava Sheva. The restrictions being port specific, are applicable to all imports of natural rubber, irrespective of the consignee.

चर्चा के लिए किसी अन्य मुद्दों के नहीं उठाए जाने के कारण अध्यक्ष महोदय ने बैठक समाप्त होने की घोषणा की। अध्यक्ष महोदय के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन के साथ 1700 बजे बैठक संपन्न की गई।

Since no other points came up for discussion, the Chair declared the meeting closed. With a word of thanks from the Chair meeting ended at 1700 hrs.

स्थाई व्यापार सुविधा समिति समिति की अगली बैठक की तारीख सीमाशुल्क गृह के वेबसाइट www.cochincustoms.nic.in पर सूचित की जाएगी। चर्चा हेतु यदि कोई मुद्दा हो तो शीघ्र भेजें। किसी भी तरह की पूछताछ फोन नं.0484-2667040 या ई मेल ccu@cochincustoms.gov.in के माध्यम से की जा सकती है।

The date for next meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee will be intimated through the Custom House website www.cochincustoms.nic.in. Points for discussion, if any, may be sent at the earliest. Enquiries if any may be made at the telephone number 0484-2667040 or by email at ccu@cochincustoms.gov.in or ccucochin@gmail.com

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आयुक्त COMMISSIONER

S.No. S 65/11/2015 – CCU Cus. Pt II

तारीख Dated: 02.2016

//अनुप्रमाणित Attested//

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Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kerala Zone, Cochin.

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Additional Commissioner

All D.Cs & A.Cs

All members