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Sub: Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee - Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting held on 12.08.2015– reg.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee was held at 3:00 PM on 12.08.2015 in the Conference Hall of Custom House, Cochin. Dr K.N. Raghavan, Commissioner of Customs chaired the meeting. The following officers of Customs were present:

1. Shri. S.Anil Kumar, Addl.Commissioner of Customs
2. Smt. Srimathi S, Dy. Commissioner of Customs
3. Smt. B.Usha Devi, Dy. Commissioner of Customs
4. Smt. B. Uma Devi, Asst. Commissioner of Customs
5. Smt. Bindu, Supdt. of Customs

The departments / agencies / stake holders who are involved with customs clearance were represented by

1. Shri .P.Vinod Raj, Cochin Port Trust
2. Shri. J.Raghupathy, Central Drugs Standards Control Organization.
3. Shri. K.T.Jayarajan , Textiles Committee, Kannur
4. Shri. Doles .P.E, Food Safety Standards India, Cochin

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

**Action on minutes of last meeting**

**1. Non-Drawal of samples due to non-compliance with labeling parameters.**

*The Chair stated that on the issue of samples not drawn by FSSAI on account of sampling parameters; Customs will draw samples and sent the same for testing. However consignments will be cleared only after rectifying labeling defects, if tests prove goods are safe and of prescribed quality.*

## **2. Shifting lab facility of Textile Committee to Kochi.**

*The Chair enquired with the representative of Textile Committee. on the progress in shifting testing lab facility to Kochi .*

Shri.T.K.Jayarajan, representative of Textile committee stated that they are in the process of getting a suitable premise for setting up lab/office at Kochi. The proposal been submitted to Ministry of Textiles is under active consideration.

## **3. On Re- import of rice bran oil.**

Shri Doles P.E. representing FSSAI, Cochin stated that test were not results were not conducted for all required parameters by the lab; hence SCN has been issued to the lab for not abiding to testing parameters.

## **4. On product approval of imported health supplement.**

Shri Doles P.E. representing FSSAI, Cochin stated that importer has been asked to seek the approval for 'product approval'.

## **5. Re-import of tea by an importer.**

*The chair informed that customs has written to Tea Board and is yet to receive a reply.*

Shri.Doles P.E. representing FSSAI stated that the importer has filed writ petition in the court.

## **Following fresh points were taken up for discussions.**

*The chair stated that three issues are there in respect of Customs awaiting the clearance from FSSAI.*

1. Marico Ltd, On Oats Flakes import samples drawn on 3.8.15 by FSSAI.
2. Tata Global Beverages, Import of Tea, samples drawn on 7.8.15 by FSSAI.
3. A B Mauri Ltd, Dry Yeast import samples drawn on 7.8.15 by FSSAI.

Shri. Doles P.E. representing FSSAI, stated that the matter will be looked into.

Shri .P.Raj Vinod representing Cochin Port Trust stated that on the import of Arecanut writ petition has been filed by the importers the judgment is expected next week.

Shri.Doles.P.E representing FSSAI informed that as importer has not requested for drawing samples, they have not taken samples for testing.

Shri.T.K.Jayarajan, representative of Textile committee stated that required quantity of sampling material is not been drawn by customs he also stated that they were facing problems on account of some of the importers not paying testing charges.

*The Chair stated that on drawing samples the officers posted will be instructed accordingly and on non- payment of testing charges the matter shall be looked into.*

*Since no other points came up for discussion, the Chair declared the meeting closed with a word of thanks from the Chair.*

The date for next meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee will be intimated through the Custom House website [www.cochincustoms.nic.in](http://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](mailto:ccu@cochincustoms.gov.in)

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**(Dr. K.N. RAGHAVAN)**  
**COMMISSIONER**

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Dated: 25.08.2015