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**MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC)
MEETING/CCFC MEETING HELD ON 26.07.2023 AT 16:00 HRS.
AT CUSTOM HOUSE, TUTICORIN**

The PTFC [Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee] Meeting / CCFC (Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee) Meeting was held on 26.07.2023 at 16.00 Hrs. at Custom House Tuticorin under the chairmanship of Shri. K. V. V. G Diwakar, Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin.

2. The following officers/members from the other agencies/ CFSs attended the meeting:

Sl. No.	Name of the officer	Designation
1.	Shri. P. Thanasekaran	Additional Commissioner
2.	Smt. S. Varalakshmi	Joint Commissioner
3.	Shri. P. Sree Harisankar	Joint Commissioner
4.	Shri. T. Siddharthan	Deputy Commissioner
5.	Shri. Dharmaraj G	Deputy Commissioner
6.	Dr. S. Anil Kumar	Assistant Commissioner
7.	Shri. M. Kannan	Assistant Commissioner
8.	Shri. G. Munisamy	Assistant Commissioner
9.	Shri. M. Chidambaram	Assistant Commissioner
10.	Shri. Menon Balraj	Assistant Commissioner
Sl. No.	Name of Nominated Members	Name of the Organisation
1.	Shri. A. S. Ramasamy	Secretary TCBA
2.	Shri. Sasi Kumar S	E.C. Member, TCBA
3.	Shri. A Vijay Kumar	MAERSK
4.	Shri. V. Minesh Raja	E.C. Member, TCBA
5.	Shri M. Rathina vel	St. John freight systems
6.	Shri. R Jegan Raj	Indian shipping
7.	Shri. J. Celestine Villavarayar	President TCFSA
8.	Shri. L. Cecil Machado	President TCBA
9.	Shri. R Sreedhar	TCBA
10.	Shri. S NILESH BARANI	TCFSA
11.	Shri A.M. Basha	Diamond ORS
12.	Shri. E. M. Arun	DBGT
13.	Shri J. Palani Kumar	PSA SICAL
14.	Shri Vasantha Kumar	PQS, TUT

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the Officers, members from other agencies and trade representatives. During the meeting, the following issues raised by the members were taken up for discussion and solution.

POINTS RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION

1) Auto Linking of PGA:-

We are facing issues on auto linking of NOC of PGA's (Plant Quarantine, FSSAI & Animal Quarantine) through single window system.

Especially for Plant quarantine clearance, earlier we faced linking issues rarely and now almost all the BEs are not linking with Plant quarantine. Kindly note that, while at the time of BE processing all BEs shows "PQ NOC needed" but at the time of application process with Plant quarantine website it shows as 'Invalid BE Number'. So we have to give the BE number manually to complete the process and in such cases the NOC will not be linked with ICE gate single window system. Also we are facing the same issues with FSSAI & Animal quarantine in certain cases.

Due to these issues, we have to link NOC manually through Assistant Commissioner's menu which results in abnormal delay in clearance of cargo and leads to additional cost such as Shipping Line detention and CFS ground rent charges.

(Tuticorin Customs Brokers Association)

Reply: The Commissioner informed the trade that the matter has already been escalated to DG System and Icgate. He further instructed the concerned AC to expedite follow up action for resolving the issue.

(AC/EDI Section)

2) Challenge in scanning of export container:-

With regard to scanning of export container, we reliably understand from VOC Port Traffic department that the gap between the end of the Cabin / Tractor and the beginning of the container should be minimum 500 millimetre (50 centimetre).

As per the design of majority of the 20'ft trucks plying in Tuticorin for transportation of 20'ft containers, the trailer has double set of locking system & the gap between the end of the Cabin / Tractor and beginning of the container is more than 500 millimetre (50 Centimetre).

Hence requesting you to kindly consider giving suitable instructions to the concerned section to evaluate whether the truck has minimum 500 millimetre gap between the end of the Cabin / Tractor and beginning of the container.

- If YES, then scanning of 20't containers arriving in 20'ft truck using the drive though scanner as it is and not to insist for shifting the 20'ft container onto a 40'ft truck so as to scan the same.

- If NO, then to insist for shifting the 20'ft container onto a 40'ft truck so as to scan the same.

This will be beneficial for the trade till such time the other scanners are made operational and also without any deviation from the prescribed norms of the Drive through scanner which is now utilised for scanning of all selected containers.

(Tuticorin Customs Brokers Association)

Reply :- The Commissioner informed the trade that containers are allowed to be scanned if the truck size is 20'ft, provided there is a minimum gap of 500 millimetres (50cm) between the end of the Cabin/Tractor and the beginning of the container. The size of the truck doesn't matter in this case. Shifting the container from a 20'ft truck to a 40'ft truck is only insisted upon when the gap is less than 50cm.

(DC/Scanning)

3 Demanding for E-BRC in Original for all Shipping Bill.

As you aware that the E-BRC is very much available to the Customs Department from the respective domain. In certain circumstances, we are demanded/informed to produce E-BRC in Original for many more shipping bills which leads to hold the Export Shipment for long time and it incurs high cost to Customs Broker.

(Tuticorin Customs Brokers Association)

Reply :- The Commissioner informed that Customs authorities cannot access the e-BRC on their own. Access is possible only for the concerned person. The Commissioner informed the trade that no Customs Broker is informed to submit the original e-BRC. They are asked to submit only the copy of the e-BRCs self certified by the exporter/CHA.

(AC/BRC Section)

4. Delay in movement of laden and empty containers from terminal since terminal customs officers went for boarding the vessels.

Find below table showing the delay in gate out movement vessel wise for your ready reference:

DATE	TIME		DURATION	PROCESSING VESSEL
	FROM	TO		
01-07-2023	16:00	18:30	02:30	OCEAN PROBE V.23052
06-07-2023	15:00	16:30	01:30	FSL KELANG V.151S
08-07-2023	11:45	12:45	01:00	SSL GODAVARI V.005
13-07-2023	10:45	11:40	00:55	FSL KELANG V.153S
15-07-2023	14:00	15:20	01:20	OCEAN PROBE V.23056
	17:30	21:50	04:20	OCEAN PROBE V.23056
18-07-2023	16:00	17:10	01:10	OCEAN PROBE V.23057

(Tuticorin CFS Association)

Reply :- The Commissioner informed the trade that the issue will be examined in details and appropriate action will be taken to resolve the issue.

(DC, DOCKS)

5. Maersk Line is still insisting on Bond with the Bank Manager's signature for moving the Importer nominated movement to CFS. They are not following the guidelines of PN 2/2012 as directed by Tuticorin Customs.

Ref: Our Letter No. TCFSA/2023/06/26 dated 07.06.2023

(Tuticorin CFS Association)

Reply :- The Commissioner informed the trade that M/s. Maersk Line has already been directed to follow the public Notice No. 02/2012 dated 02.02.2012 strictly, failing which action will be initiated under Regulation 11 and 12 of HCCAR , 2009 and Section 117 of Customs Act, 1962.

The Commissioner also urged the trade to come with specific inputs on circumstances where the liner has violated the above Public Notice.

(DC, Import General)

6. Clearance of long pending un-cleared / seized containers lying in CFS due to various issues.

Ref: Our Letter No. TCFSA/2023/06/24 dated 06.06.2023.

(Tuticorin CFS Association)

Reply :- . The Commissioner informed the trade that clearance of long pending un-cleared/seized containers lying in CFS due to various issues. However, sincere efforts are being taken for the disposal of all the cases.

The Commissioner has instructed the Disposal Section to reconcile the data given by the CFS.

(AC, DISPOSAL)

7. Lan IP awaited from Customs EDI for MPLS Connections.

(Tuticorin CFS Association)

Reply :- The Commissioner instructed officers to escalate the matter to CBIC LAN/VAN Team to provide the new LAN IP required for MPLS Connection as early as possible.

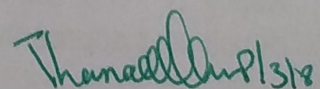
(AC, EDI Section)

8. Bonds closed manually were not closed in the System and requested to close in the System too.

(Customs Broker)

The Commissioner instructed officers to examine the issue and to take appropriate action.

(AC, Import Assessment/Bonds)



(P. THANASEKARAN)

(ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER)

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.

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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 Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
2. The EDI Section- for uploading in the official website.