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**MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC)
MEETING/CCFC MEETING HELD ON 31.10.2023 AT 11:30 HRS.
AT CUSTOM HOUSE, TUTICORIN**

The PTFC [Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee] Meeting / CCFC (Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee) Meeting was held on 31.10.2023 at 11:30 Hrs. at Custom House Tuticorin under the chairmanship of Shri. Vikas Nair, 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. D. Dinesh	Deputy Commissioner
4.	Shri. Dharmaraj G	Deputy Commissioner
5.	Shri. S Anil Kumar	Assistant Commissioner
6.	Shri. M. Kannan	Assistant Commissioner
7.	Shri. G. Munisamy	Assistant Commissioner
8.	Shri. M. Chidambaram	Assistant Commissioner
9.	Shri. Menon Balraj	Assistant Commissioner
Sl. No.	Name of Nominated Members	Name of the Organisation
1.	Shri. J Celestine	TCFSA
2.	Shri. Ahmed Ashraf	TCFSA
3.	Shri. A.S. Ramasamy	Secretary, TCBA
4.	Shri. S.Rajkumar	Secretary, TCFSA
5.	Shri. S George Bush	TCBA
6.	Shri. J. Pinto Villanarayan	TCBA
7.	Shri. R.Sreedhar	TCBA
8.	Shri. Sasikumar S	TCBA
9.	Shri. S. Sagayaraj	Asst. Secretary, TSAA
10.	Shri. M Sasikumar	DBGT

		Indian Shipping & Logistics
11	Shri. R.Jegan Raj	DBGT
12	Shri. E. M. Arun	PSA SICAL Terminal
13	Shri J Palanikumar	Gainup Industries
14	Shri. M Prabath	Gainup Industries
15	Shri. P Kumareswaran	Gainup Industries
16	Smt. O Eswari	Gainup Industries

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/ POINTS RAISED BY TUTICORIN CFS ASSOCIATION

Question:- 1. Further to PTFC / CCFC meetings held during June and July, 2023 regarding Maersk Line issue, As per the instruction of the Commissioner to write with specific inputs to the Custom House, we have forwarded a mail ref. no. TCFSA/2023/07/44 dated 31.07.2023 & Our Letter No. TCFSA/2023/09/59 dated 21.09.2023. Highlighting the Maersk line issue since they are not following the guidelines of PN 2/2012 as directed by Tuticorin Custom.

Reply: - Commissioner assured that this office will communicate to Maersk Line Office and address the issue and try to resolve the difficulties faced by trades. Commissioner also advised the meeting member to explore other possible alternatives.

(IG SECTION)

Question: - . 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. We await Details from Customs for follow up on clearances of UCC /Seized Cargo.

Reply:- Commissioner informed the trade to prepare two separate lists of containers (1) Those which are pending because of NOC Pending from other agencies like DRI, PCB, PQ or investigation pending from the departmental side 2nd one is the list of the containers which are delayed because of other issues. Commissioner informed that this office is taking necessary actions to dispose as many as possible except some cases where DRI NOC required.

(DISPOSAL SECTION)

Question:- 3. Lan IP awaited from Customs EDI for MPLS Connections.

Find below status of MPLS-VPN Customs Connection:

Sl.	Name of the CFS	Custodian Code	Network	Status of MPLS - VPN Connections
1	Kerry Indev Logistics Private Limited CFS	INTUT1ILP1	TATA	Line is through. Waiting for IP address from Customs EDI.
2	HARI CFS	INTUT1HAR1	BSNL	Line is through. Waiting for IP address from Customs EDI.

Reply:- Commissioner informed the trade that HARI CFS is already received LAN IP from DG System on 17.10.2023 and for the Kerry Indev Logistics Pvt. Ltd. case has been sent to DG System and it is pending with them. This office will take up the issue with DG System and informed the trade to check with DG System. This office has forwarded application in time.

(EDI SECTION)

Question: - 4. PQ clearance delay for e-auction cargo.

Customs is issuing letter to the PQ authorities, advising to issue a PQ clearance to the H1 Bidder for clearing cargoes under e-auction at the earliest. But the issuances of PQ clearances are getting delayed, since they are asking more documents (like below mentioned) for which the custodians do not have any access / visibility to submit:

a. Importer's five-year IEC history.

b. An importer authorization letter to be provided by Customs for the specific Bill of Lading (BL).

In general: the PQ authority is issuing PQ clearance within 24 hours for the normal clearance under BE home consumption, but they are taking more than a month period to issue the PQ for e-auction cargoes.

Reply: - Commissioner assured that this office will communicate to PQ Authorities and address the issue also try to resolve the difficulties faced by trades.

(DISPOSAL SECTION)


(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.

Copy Submitted to:

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.