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**MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 31.12.2015 AT 15:30 HRS. AT CUSTOM HOUSE, TUTICORIN**

The PTFC [Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee] Meeting of Tuticorin Customs Commissionerate was held on 31.12.2015 at 15.30 Hrs. at Custom House, Tuticorin under the Chairmanship of Shri.P.K. Das, Chief Commissioner of Customs.

2. The following officers/members from the Department and Trade participated in the Meeting.

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer S/ Shri	Designation
1.	K.C. Johny	Commissioner
2.	Suresh Nandanwar	Additional Commissioner
3.	A. Manimaran	Joint Commissioner
4.	Piyush Bhardwaj	Assistant Commissioner
5.	S.Perumal	Assistant Commissioner
6.	Balmukund	Assistant Commissioner
7.	K. Rajaram	Superintendent (Policy)
8.	S. Kathiresan	Superintendent (Policy)
9.	Prashant Kumar Choudhary	Inspector (Policy)

Sl. No.	Name of Nominated Members: S/Shri	Name of the Organisation
1.	J. David Raja	St.John ICD/ NACFS
2.	J. Celestine Villavarayar	VILSON CFS.
3.	C.Karthikeya Prabhu	Secretary, NACFS
4.	M. Raghukumar	DGM, CWC Nhava Seva CFS
5.	C. Arumugam	Sical CFS
6.	D. Thilak Raj	INDEV CFS
7.	P. Sivakumar	Diamond CFS
8.	E.Senthil	MSC
9.	L.Anand Moreis	TSAA (SEC)
10.	L.Pandian	A.S.Shipping
11.	M.Subramanian	Manager, CWC Nhava Seva CFS
12.	Sanjay	E.C.Member, TCBA
13.	P.Jeyanth Thomas	President, TCBA
14.	K.V. Soumya	Sicientist -B, Spices Board

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

POINTS RAISED BY TUTICORIN SHIP AGENTS' ASSOCIATION:

Point No.1: Simplification of procedure in providing new Seal: The procedure to put new seal (within the terminal) for broken/missing seal for

import containers should be simplified. Requested to issue necessary facility intimation since the old procedure is being followed.

Reply: This point had already been discussed in the last meeting and a decision was taken. Suitable instruction will be issued to streamline the procedure.

Point No.2: Abolition/simplification of TSA (Trans-shipment Application):

Facility intimation regarding abolition of TSA is pending for long time:

Reply: A new TSA format has already been approved by Commissioner to reduce unnecessary paper work and to simplify the procedure.

Point No.3: Print out of Container Movement Permission: Liners are not able to take print out of container movement permission while at other locations it is being done.

Reply: EDI Section will take up this issue with DG(Systems).

Point No.4: Opening of containers at CFSs without original delivery order:

Opening of containers without original D.O. at CFSs should not be permitted as it is a clear violation of Customs rules and regulations which leads to abandoned of cargo in some cases.

Reply: Delivery Order is not a necessary document for Customs to open import container for examination.

Point No.5.: Gateway EGM (synchronization of ICD's & SEZ's data with ICEGATE 1.5) avoiding duplication of EGM submission and error: Shipping Bill data filed in Customs/ICD/SEZ carries all information including container number & seal number which can be used as an EGM to avoid duplication of work, error and pendency in issuance of drawback & other benefits to the shipper.

Reply: EDI Section will take up the issue with DG Systems, New Delhi.

Point No.6: Rotation Number through ICE GATE: Rotation numbers are issued to vessel operator upon issuing letter physically with MCD, whereas provisions are there in ICE 1.5 such that it can be obtained through ICE Gate upon update of vessel particulars by vessel operators.

Reply: MCD Section is asked to sort out the problem and taking up the issue with EDI section for technical support, if any.

Point No.7: Long pending of Unclear/Abandon/SIIB/DRI Case Import units: Need to sort out the unclear/abandon/SIIB/DRI case pending units which are lying more than a year.

Reply: This point had already been discussed in the last meeting and a decision has been taken. Chairman asked the AC (Disposal) for speed up the action. Further Chairman suggested that the cargo can be de-stuffed in the closed safe shed or domestic container in the presence of proper Customs officer and international container can be released. Further more, custodian/importer has been asked to take necessary steps to re-export the cargo wherever O-i-O directing re-export has been issued.

Point No.8: EDI Account: Opening of EDI account for shipping lines towards debit of transshipment fee per export vessel towards container re-credit directly into Customs account.

Reply: Documents submitted by liners. EDI Section will examine the issue.

Point No.9: Requisition of shifting of CMFC cell back to Custom House:

Requisition for shifting of CMFC cell back to Custom House since most of the time system related issues lead to delay in closing of TSA/Bond re-credit, there is no power back up during power shut down, poor system connectivity,

Point No.10: Shortage of Preventive Officers: There is an acute shortage of preventive officers which delays boarding process when officers are engaged in outer anchorage boarding.

Reply: Additional officers have been posted to Docks.

Point No.11: System issue at Wharf: Due to frequent system issue at Wharf office it always leads to delay in update of entry inward per each vessel.

Reply: EDI section is coordinating with DG(Systems) to resolve the issue.

POINTS RAISED BY TUTICORIN CUSTOMS BROKERS' ASSOCIATION:

Point No.12: Export - modification of seal no. for system selected containers: While registering Annx-C details, we are submitting the seal no. sealed by Central Excise Authority, if the system selects the container for open and examination of cargo the seal is cut and after LEO the container is sealed with Customs seal at CFS. But the replaced seal no. has not been modified in the system and the Central Excise seal reflects in shipping bill which is cut open. Request to kindly arrange to modify the seal no. in the system.

Reply: If provision for this is available in system, it will be ensured that new seal no. details are submitted.

Point No.13: Import - shortage of staff at CH Lab: There is no lab assistant at Custom House Lab, only Chemical Examiner and Assistant Chemical Examiner are available, due to this there is delay in testing samples.

Reply: Department will examine this issue and will resolve it as early as possible.

Point No.14: System issue at ICE GATE: The ICE GATE system is very slow during filing of documents as well as of new registration.

Reply: It is a common problem during the rush hours. DG systems is working to provide the better service.

POINTS RAISED BY TUTICORIN CFS' ASSOCIATION:

Point No.15: We kindly request your good office to take necessary action for clearing the long standing containers lying at our members CFSs/ICD: 12 CFSs have provided the details of DRI/SIIB/court case cargo details during the earlier PTFC meetings. Moreover the Notification No. 26/2009 states very clearly that the Custodians are required to dispose off any export cargo / imported cargo within 90 days as per Regulation no. 6(1)(m) and therefore specific follow up required in respect of such long stay cargo.

Reply: The same point is raised by Ship Agents' Association and discussed as Point No. 7 above.

Point No.16: Shifting permission on Saturday and Sunday: We would like to highlight the difficulties faced by our members with respect to movement of Import Laden Containers during week-end. During week-days, movement permission could be obtained in the working hours. Thereafter, all the vessels arriving during the week-end are accumulating for getting movement permission on Monday noon time only. This results in huge congestion in the Terminal and Port Gate on Monday. We humbly request your good self for your kind intervention in this issue to provide long-term solution for quick movement of the containers to the CFS.

Reply: If any problem is there, matter should be brought to the notice of AC(Docks).

Point No.17: Delay in getting approval of H1 Bidders value in the E-auction: The E-auction for the uncleared/unclaimed and abandoned cargo was held on 25.11.2015 through MatexNet Pvt. Ltd., Chennai and the Bid Report

seeking approval for the Bid Values was submitted to your good office on 26.11.2015. It has been more than one month since we have submitted the Bid Report and still there is no response from your good office.

Reply: Action is being taken in this regard and approval will be given shortly.


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(SURESH NANDANWAR)
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

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

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2. All the Deputy / Assistant Commissioners of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
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