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**MINUTES OF “TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE” MEETING HELD ON
24.09.2021 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE**

The Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting (TFC) was held on 24.09.2021 at 3:30 PM through Video Conference. The meeting was presided over by Shri Deep Shekhar, Principal Commissioner of Customs (Airport and Air Cargo Complex).

(2) The following officers and trade representatives were present in the meeting.

a. Departmental Officers of Air Cargo Complex –

- i. Shri Shaikh Aminkhan Yasinkhan, Joint Commissioner of Customs ;
- ii. Shri Naveen Rana, Dy. Commissioner of Customs ;
- iii. Ms. Yangchen Bhutia, Dy Commissioner of Customs;
- iv. Shri Rajesh S. Kamble, Asst. Commissioner of Customs ;
- v. Shri Nalini Kumar Das, Asst. Commissioner of Customs ;
- vi. Shri Manoj Kundu, Appraiser General ;
- vii. Shri Nirmesh Singh, Examiner, AG Unit

b. Trade/PGA representatives of Air Cargo Complex-

- i. Shri S. N. Lal, RPQS ;
- ii. Shri Rahul Nandi , DGM Cargo, AAICLAS;
- iii. Shri P.C. Maity, Chairman, Airport Committee, CCHAA;
- iv. Shri Subba Raj, Director, FSSAI;

- v. Shri Ankur Pathak, M/s Spicejet;
- vi. Shri Pradeep Kumar Singh, AAICLAS;
- vii. Ms. Payel Banerjee, M/s Emirates Sky Cargo;
- viii. Representative of Singapore Airlines;
- ix. Representative of Marine Products Export Development Authority

(3) At the outset, the Chair welcomed all the members present in the meeting and thereafter the following agenda points raised by Chairman, Airport Committee, CCHAA were discussed in the meeting:

Issue 1: EGMs are pending for a long time and hence Exporter's Drawback, IGST and DGFT benefits are on hold pertaining to Air Cargo Complex (INCCU4).

[By: The Chairman, CCHAA]

Response: Mr. P.C. Maity, Chairman, CCHAA informed that there is a huge pendency of EGM filing/EGM Error since 2005 due to which exports incentives to exporters is getting stuck. He also mentioned that maximum number of cases are pending with Air India Airlines. In this connection, Joint Commissioner, Air Cargo Complex (ACC) has mentioned that in earlier meeting held with Airlines, representative of Air India had informed that they had out sourced the job for filing of EGM to different Agents and at present they are unable to trace out the old documents. Further, Assistant Commissioner, EDI, ACC has informed that in ICES 1.5 there is a provision for accepting the EGM error forcefully, if the details would be provided by the concerned Airlines/Carriers. Accordingly, approximately 600 EGM Errors had been resolved by EDI section. However, pendency of EGM filing can be resolved by the concerned Airlines/Carriers only. In this connection, it is informed by Deputy Commissioner, ACC that a list of EGM Pendency of Drawback from 2005 and EGM Pendency of IGST from 2017 had been shared by

Mr. Rajiv Sarkar, Regional Director, NIC, where Drawback & IGST both have been claimed, for the purpose of re-filing of EGM against the same Shipping Bill to resolve the instant issue and the same had already been communicated to concerned Airlines/Carriers. Accordingly, approximately 300 EGM had been filed till date.

Direction of the Chair:

The Chair appreciated the works done by EDI Section, ACC, to reduce pendency of EGM Error and directed the AC, EDI to consult with Air India Airlines to mitigate the EGM Pendency issue. Further, the Chair has directed for daily monitoring of the all issues related to pending EGM filing/EGM error and to create a WhatsApp Group comprising all stakeholders. Furthermore, it has also been directed to the Chairman of CCHAA to interact with the Exporter/Airlines and co-operate to resolve the issue.

[Action to be taken by- AC,EDI, ACC]

Issue 2: Delay in obtaining No Objection Certificate from WLA office due to non-availability of WLA's Officer at Air Cargo Complex, Kolkata on regular basis.

[By: The Chairman, CCHAA]

Response: Deputy Commissioner (Admn.), ACC has spoken with Shri Agni Mitra, IFS Batch -2009, Regional Deputy Director, WLA over telephone and it was informed that they shall resume two days service in ACC after withdrawing order of 50% attendance as issued by the State Govt. West Bengal which is valid upto 30.09.2021. Further, it has also been intimated that their office is centrally located at distance of only 17 KM from ACC and the office is being provided NOC certificate in two slots daily if stakeholders plan properly, they can get NOC on same day.

Direction of the Chair:

The Chair directed to the Deputy Commissioner (Admn.), ACC, to issue a DO letter to Shri Agni Mitra, IFS, Regional Deputy Director, WLA, regarding posting of officer in the ACC on regular basis for speedy clearance of consignments at ACC.

[Action to be taken by- DC (Admn.), ACC]

Issue 3: Due to no access/permission in the International Airport Terminal Passenger Building, it is difficult to obtain certificate from RPQS timely and for that reason sometimes clearance got delayed.

[By: The Chairman, CCHAA]

Response: Mr. S. N. Lal of RPQS stated that his office is always ready to facilitate trade subject to availability of staff. Sometimes he himself handed over the certificate to the concerned representative of trade outside the International Airport Terminal Building, as there is no access/permission into the International Airport Terminal Building for common people. In some cases his office is also providing certificate through email, if deemed necessary. He also intimated that due to non availability of office space at ACC, his office is currently being operated from the International Airport Terminal Building.

Direction of the Chair:

The Chair suggested to Mr. S. N. Lal of RPQS to forward copy of the certificate for all consignment through email. He further suggested that their office may be opened in ACC and in this regard they should communicate with concerned Ministry for office space at ACC and adequate manpower and if required, the same may be routed through the CBIC to facilitate the trade.

[Action to be taken by- RPQS]

Issue 4: Request to AAICLAS, to construct a gate for the convenience of representative of trade.

[By: The Chairman, CCHAA]

Response/Decision: Mr. Rahul Nandi, DGM Cargo, AAICLAS has stated that due to ongoing construction work of upcoming Metro Station at Airport Gate No. 2.5, a temporary gate has been opened at Airport Gate No. 3 for pedestrian to easy access to ACC. In the rainy season, there may be some problem to access that route but due to security reason he can not provide any other gate at this moment. He further committed that a proper entry gate would be opened at Airport Gate No. 2.5 after completion of Metro Station construction work.

Direction of the Chair: The Chair agreed with the commitment made by Mr. Rahul Nandi, DGM Cargo, AAICLAS.

[Action to be taken by- AAICLAS]

(4) Apart from aforementioned issues, Ms. Yangchen Bhutia, Dy Commissioner of Customs, Courier in-charge, informed that the International Courier Terminal, Kolkata will be launched soon and trade will be informed through a Public Notice within first week of October, 2021.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Participants and the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs (Airport & ACC).

Date: 04/10/2021

Naveen Rana

Deputy Commissioner
DC/AC-IV-O/o Pr Commissioner-

Customs-Air Port & ACC-Kolkata

To:-

1. Sr. P.S. to the Chief Commissioner of Customs,
2. P.S. to the Pr. Commissioner of Customs (A&A),
3. P.S. to the Pr. Commissioner of Customs (Port),
4. The Additional/Joint Commissioners of Customs (A&A),
5. The Additional/Joint Commissioners, CCO / Port / Preventive,
6. All Deputy/Assistant Commissioners working under Airport,
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8. The Regional Director, RPQS, 1st Cross Road, FB Block, Bidhannagar,
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9. The Regional Deputy Director, WLA,
10. The DGM Cargo, AAICLAS, Air Cargo Complex,
11. The Director, FSSAI,
12. The Director, MPEDA,
13. M/s Singapore Airlines,
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