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Minutes of Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting held on 23.01.2018 in the  
Conference Hall of Airport Authority of India at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI  
Airport, Kolkata

The Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) Meeting was held in the Conference Hall of Airport Authority of India at Air Cargo Complex, NSCBI Airport, Kolkata on 23.01.2018 at 03:00 PM. The meeting was presided over by the Commissioner of Customs (A&A), Kolkata.

Following points that raised by CCHAA were discussed in the meeting:-

1. A maximum of Bills of Entry as well as Shipping Bills take 5-6 hours for out of charge/ LEO after registration. For example: if any bill of entry is submitted at 12:00 O'clock, its Pass out is given by shed officer after 5-6 PM.

**Response/Decision:-**

It was informed that as per sample study for time taken to give LEO of export consignment, the average time taken is around 28 minutes for perishable cargo and 1 hour for others. Similarly for import consignments, the average time taken is 1 hour for RMS Facilitated Bill of Entry and 2 ½ hours for those Bills of Entry where examination is required. For perishable cargo (import), average time taken for clearance is 45 minutes, if all other documents are found in order. Concerned officers have been further instructed to reduce the time taken for out of charge and LEO as far as possible.

2. All perishable and medicines are kept in APEDA room. After handing over the location slip to AAI people, the material reaches the examination area after 5 hours. After FSSAI, PQ & Customs formality, the representative of Importer/Exporter need to wait for examination for more than 5 hours and after that 3 hours to process for LEO.

**Response/Decision:-**

Representatives of Airport Authority of India and M/s. Bhadra International (India) Pvt. Ltd. (M/s. BIIL) were present at the meeting. Representative of Airport Authority of India informed that AAI has already started to renovate the cold storages. Further, M/s. BIIL has assured to augment manpower with a view to cut down delay in future.

3. Presently, the location slips are available online but system doesn't show any information instantly and after receiving the location slip, the representative of Importer/Exporter doesn't receive the exact location and as a result it takes time to locate the material.

**Response/Decision:-**

The representative of Airport Authority of India informed that streamlining of processes is underway. M/s. Bhadra International (India) Pvt. Ltd has been directed to strengthen their manpower.

4. After handover the location slip to M/s. Bhadra International, they take 3-4 hours to examination area, sometimes 5-6 hours, even it takes time till next day.

**Response/Decision:-**

M/s BIIL informed that they handle a lot of non-scheduled freighters in the month of December 2017 and that is why it took more than 5 to 6 hrs time. From February 2018, situation will improve significantly and it will take 1 - 2 hrs. Commissioner (A&A) advised Airport Authority of India to regularly monitor so that delay is minimized.

5. Forklift needs time for process of above points.

**Response/Decision:-**

Representative of Airport Authority of India assured that matter will be looked into for resolution.

6. Export consignment is normally low as compared to rush season i.e. Christmas. After 10 days, the export rush time will start and as usual they will have to face the same problem as before, taking time for LEO more than 5-6 hours.

**Response/Decision:-**

The matter has already been discussed at SI No.1 above.

7. Maximum vehicle waits for 7-8 hours in the cargo veranda.

**Response/Decision:-**

Airport Authority of India informed that they have already regulated the vehicle movement. Not more than 8 vehicles are being allowed inside at a time.

8. After getting the LEO, materials are lying in the examination area and it is not shifted immediately to the bonded area.

