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Minutes of Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting held on 26.04.2018 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 26.04.2018 at 03:00 PM. The meeting was presided over by the Joint Commissioner of Customs (A&A), Kolkata.

Following points raised by Calcutta Customs House Agents Association (CCHAA) were discussed in the meeting:-

1. After implementation of e-SANCHIT, Bills of Entry are not being generated in the system on time and results in delay in clearance.

Response/Decision:-

The Appraiser General stated that Traders are not filing their documents properly as per P.N. 17/2018 dated 22/02/2018. The Deputy Commissioner (Import Group) also stated that Penalty for delay in filing the Bill of Entry is being waived by the authorized officer, if delay is caused due to System failure.

2. Import noting takes about 1 to 1 ½ hours, which is a great waste of time and breaks the smooth process.

Response/Decision:-

Issue was already discussed in earlier TFC meetings. Shed officers responded that Manual Import Noting is necessary in view of vigilance in movement of import consignment as the system is frequently facing connectivity issues. It was proposed to re-examine the issue.

3. EGM problem is still not solved totally.

Response/Decision:-

All the Airlines have already been requested to submit EGM. But, some of Airlines still have not done. Moreover, it has been noticed that some Airlines have filed double EGM without verifying the previous record. As a result, system shows it as 'Incorrect Shipping Bill'. The Joint Commissioner instructed to issue a list of all details and forward to all Airlines to solve the issue.

4. Clients' IGST refund benefit is still on hold.

Response/Decision:-

