

MINUTES OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE(CCFC)
MEETING HELD ON 26.06.2024

In terms of CBEC Circular No. 3/2015-Customs, dated 13.04.2015, the meeting of CCFC was held on 28.03.2024 in the New Customs House, New Delhi, under the Chairmanship of Sh. Samanjasa Das, Chief Commissioner of Customs (DZ). The meeting was attended by the following: -

1	Sanjay Bansal	Commissioner	ACCE/ACCI
2	Vashishtha Chaudhary	Commissioner	ICD PPG & Others
3	K Tushar Parashar	Additional Commissioner	ICD TKD Import
4	Shiv Prasad Pal	Additional Commissioner	ICD TKD Export
4	Nikhil Mohan Goyal	Joint Commissioner	Chief Commissioner of Customs Unit, Delhi Zone
6	Manish Deo Mishra	Deputy Commissioner	ACCE (Export Shed)
7	Rahul Jain		CELEBI
8	Amit Balarathinam	Assistant General Manager	CELEBI
9	Puneet Jain	President	DCBA
10	Sushant Nigam		ACAAI
11	S.K. Bharadwaj		DCSC
12	Zaheer Bakshi	Vice president	DIAL
13	Surinder Singh	Manager	CELEBI Cargo
14	Anthony Demelh		CELEBI Cargo
15	Umesh Sobti	Sr. Manager	CELEBI Cargo
16	Rajiv Goel	Station Manger	EICI
17	Prakash Veer Tyagi	AVP - Operations	Gateway Distribution Parks Ltd.
18	Deepak Karki	Sr. Manager	CSCI
19	Mukesh Hira	Joint Secretary	DCBA
20	Kritika Sharma	Member	DCBA
21	Sovik Biswa		DIAL
22	Gaurav Hora		DIAL

Need for instructions to Courier & FPO formations for mandatory compliances for imports related to PGAs to be at par with Cargo mode: Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) pointed out that import of goods requiring PGAs clearances are being cleared through courier mode and FPO mode without the necessity of NOCs from PGAs. This is done by breaking a large consignment into smaller ones and then getting them imported via courier or FPO mode. They further highlighted that such compliances need to be strictly followed for these two modes as well so that import of goods through these modes stand at par with compliances of Cargo Mode. It was brought to notice that only personal goods are being imported in FPO and NCT falling under the tariff head 9804. The food stuff/RMG etc. are meant for personal consumption only and NOC from FSSAI is not

applicable under the applicable limit. However, wherever necessary and beyond specified limits, goods are being referred to PGAs such as P&Q NOC, ADC NOC, ASI NOC, WLRO NOC, FSSAI NOC, JA etc. before clearance of such goods. Lastly, they were told to provide cases wherein commodity to be used for commercial purpose is being mis-declared and imported under the category of personal to avoid above-mentioned compliances. Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) agreed to provide the list of all such cases available with them.

Undue delay in clearance due to multiple queries:

Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) pointed out that the Assessing Officers are giving very exhaustive and lengthy queries and sometimes those queries which are not relevant and not related to that particular CTH, are also given. This, in turn, is creating problems and delays in customs clearance of imported goods. They were informed that reason -wise breakup of 3rd query is regularly taken up in NAC meetings. Also, the percentage of 3rd query is very miniscule and is raised in rare cases. They were also asked to cite specific cases where such exhaustive, lengthy and irrelevant queries have been raised. Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) agreed to provide the list of all such queries available with them.

The erratic functioning of ICEGATE and delay in cargo clearance: Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) pointed out that the ICEGATE stops functioning invariably on the last day of the week when the weekend is long and does not work even on the day the normal work starts. They further suggested if there can be a provision by which ICEGATE automatically waives the late payment fees in such cases. They were asked to give a representation for the same to DG (Systems) and give a copy of the same to the office of Chief Commissioner, Delhi Customs Zone.

Delay in CRCL testing & its results: Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) pointed out that there is inordinate delay in CRCL tests & receiving Test Reports including the live tests from CRCL after drawl of samples from the Customs formations in the Zone. The point was already discussed in the previous CCFC meeting held on 27.03.2024 wherein it was informed that matter has already been taken up with the CRCL at the Commissionerate level. In last CCFC meeting, DCBA was asked to provide list of all such cases which have been pending for more than 15 days so that matter can be taken up comprehensively with the CRCL. However, no such list has been received till date.

Improvement of facilities & infrastructure at the Textile Committee DZ: Delhi Customs Brokers Association (DCBA) pointed out that the test results of samples are drawn for testing of various parameters of textile fabrics and textile articles at the Textile Committee Laboratory in Delhi NCR which is taking a lot of time. In contrast, the textile committee at Mumbai Zone provides tatkal service of testing wherein the users have test results within 2-3 days of deposit of samples upon payment of tatkal service charges to the agency. In last CCFC meeting, DCBA was asked to give a representation for starting tatkal service of testing in Delhi NCR Region as well on the similar lines as at Mumbai Zone and give a copy of same to the Chief Commissioner office, Delhi Customs Zone. However, no such representation has been received till date.

Discussions: Issues of “drug licenses” and “approved updated product lists” not being regularly uploaded on E-sanchit and export of supposedly intermediate compounds of certain drugs without producing any license/ permission/ product list were also taken up.

Lastly, a presentation was given by the representative of DIAL on customs related findings

of the “Cargo Process Study”. It was decided that the same maybe taken up as a part of agenda point in the next CCFC meeting.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to all the representatives from the Chief Commissioner, Customs Delhi Zone.

**Signed by Nikhil Mohan
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