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CUSTOM HOUSE, 15/1 STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA- 700001Fax No. 91-33-2231-3289; E-mail: ccu-cuskoa@nic.in**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC)
MEETING HELD ON 20.11.2023**

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The meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Kolkata Customs Zone was held on 20.11.2023 at 1500 Hrs. under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashutosh Awasthi, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Customs Zone. The meeting was conducted via Web Conference.

The following officers/representatives attended the meeting:-

Sl. No.	Name & Designation (Shri/Ms)	Organisation
1.	Shri Shivaji Hanumant Dange	Principal Commissioner of Customs (A&A)
2.	Shri Ataur Rahman	Commissioner of Customs (Port)
3.	Shri Gaurav Sinha	Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), WB
4.	Shri Sushil Kale	Additional Commissioner (AP & ACC)
5.	Shri B.K. Singh	Joint Commissioner (Port)
6.	Shri Bhim Ratna Rawat	Joint Commissioner (Port)
7.	Shri Piyush Katiyar	Joint Commissioner (A&A)
8.	Shri S. Devrajan	Joint Commissioner (Port)
9.	Shri Apurba Swarnakar	Deputy Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
10.	Shri Abhijit Bhattacharya	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
11.	Shri Ranjit Kumar Hembram	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
12.	Shri Anindita Nag	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (CCO)

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13.	Shri Ranjeet Kumar Prasad	Superintendent of Customs (Prev.)
14.	Dr. Jimlee Sarmah	AQCS
15.	Shri Dibyabrata	Inspector, Foreign Post Office
16.	Shri Biswajit Saikia	WCCB
17.	Shri Sayantan Ghosh	Chairman, Airport Sub Committee
18.	Shri P.C. Maity	Chairman, Airport Sub Committee
19.	Shri B.K.Mishra	CCHAA, PGA Sub Committee
20.	Shri Farid Jamal	President, CCHAA

The Chairman welcomed all the members and opened the conference for discussion and directed Shri Piyush Katiyar, Joint Commissioner of Customs to start the meeting with Agenda Points, which are as follows:

Sponsored by Shri M. Chandra, Superintendent, Foreign Post, Department of Posts Kolkata:

1. About 2100 (Two thousand one hundred) letter mail items are kept detained in LMA Section as on 24/11/2023. Kindly take necessary action to release the items as it is associated with the space problem of the concerned section.
2. There are about 700 (seven hundred only) Letter Mali articles which are kept under the custody of Foreign Post, after being confiscated by customs authority. Please take necessary action to take over the confiscated articles after due official procedure. The list of the articles is being prepared and to be provided to the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, PAD, Kolkata at an earliest.
3. A good number of Parcels/articles are kept under the custody of this office as "D"/"CR" Parcels (Total=392+178-570), which are not being assessed by the custom authority. The list of 392 inward EMS, registered and LMA articles and another list of 178 import Air/SAL/Cont/Eastern parcels have already been provided to A/C PAD/Kolkata as per minutes of CCFC agendas. Please take necessary action to assess these parcels to minimize our space problems. List of the rest "D"/"CR" parcels will be provided soon.
4. The X-ray machines which are to be displaced/dismantled have not yet done. Please take necessary action in this regard. Two X-ray machines have not been commissioned till date. Please take necessary action in this regard.

Discussion during the Meeting:-

On this the Chair observed that the organisation is not approaching the Proper Officer of the Port Commissionerate for resolution, which is increasing the pendency. He requested the Postal Authority to take up the matter with Officers posted at PAD and subsequently with the Additional Commissioner/ Joint Commissioner and if not resolved then the same may be brought to the knowledge of Commissioner of Customs, Port and the mechanism of CCFC meeting should be availed only in the end. Shri Aatur Rahman, Commissioner of Customs, Port stated that these same points are being taken up in the CCFC meeting continuously for the last few months. Further, he informed that a large number of cases has already been cleared and in some cases as necessary information has not

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been provided by the Postal authorities it remains pending. He further informed that a joint mechanism is to be established to sort out the issues as proposed earlier. He also said that disposal of X-ray Machines depends on the nomination of the Officer from DoL and hence the need for raising the same issues in CCFC should not arise.

Direction of the Chair: The Chair directed that these issues of Foreign Post Office (FPO) may be reviewed in every 2-3 weeks by the Port Commissionerate and FPO

Action to be taken:- Port Commissionerate

Sponsored by Shri Sayantan Kumar Ghosh, Chairman, Customs Sub Committee:

1. AQCS NOC is not being transmitted from PGA Portal to Customs and hence the same is delaying consignments. Also, there are some teething issues in the AQCS Portal which members are facing file applying for NOC which may kindly be resolved under instruction from Customs in a meeting with AQCS if need be with CCHAA.

Discussion during the Meeting:-

Dr. Jimlee Sarmah informed the House that online payment system has been introduced recently in the month of September and the integration with Icegate Portal is under process hence, some technical glitches are taking place in the starting stage and the issues being faced are being brought to the notice of Technical Team, New Delhi. Till then Manual NOC is being given as and when required. She also said that if any other issues are being faced by any stakeholder the same may be communicated to them through mail etc. and that it will be taken up.

The Chair then brought up issue of problems being faced in importing of pets including those through diplomatic channel as animals are not examined at the Customs Areas of Port/Air Cargo Complex (ACC) but have to be taken to the Office of AQCS. He suggested that AQCS may deploy its officers from time to time at Port/Air Cargo Complex for the said purpose and further in order to resolve the problem of examination space not being allotted to AQCS, Customs Examination Areas may be used for the same. Moreover, he added the ADC Port/ACC to co-ordinate with Dr. Sarmah for faster resolution of the issue with regard to allotment of examination room.

Direction of the chair: The Chair suggested that Dr. Sarmah may coordinate with ADC, Port and Airport/ ACC Commissionerates in the matter to devise the required mechanism for examination at the Customs Air Cargo / Port premises for faster facilitation of trade consignments.

Action to be taken:- ADC, Airport/Port Commissionerate

2. Selection of Scanning for containers are being done on Line No basis now and due to this big lot consignments are all going into scanning and this is escalating both time and cost manifold. Earlier this was being done on Container basis which. This may kindly be looked into for a suitable resolution.

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Discussion during the Meeting:-

Shri Sayantan Ghosh, representative of CCHA explained the Agenda Points related to selection of containers for scanning. Shri Ataur Rehman, Commissioner of Customs, Port suggested that a more detailed representation may be shared in this regard such that it may be referred to NCTC for their response. He also suggested that this point should be raised at the level of PTFC Meeting conducted by Port Commissionerate.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

(ANINDITA NAG)
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
Chief Commissioner's Office
Kolkata Customs Zone

Dated: 24-11-2023

Copy to:

1. The Principal Commissioner of Customs (A&A)
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs (Port)
3. The Principal Commissioner of Customs (Prev.), West Bengal
4. The Additional/Joint Commissioner of Customs (Port/A&A/CCP)
5. All Concerned.
6. DC(EDI) for uploading in Kolkata Customs Web Page.

Signed by Anindita Nag
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