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MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC)

MEETING HELD ON 25.10.2023

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The meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Kolkata Customs Zone was held on 25.10.2023 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 Ataur Rahman	Commissioner of Customs (Port)
2.	Shri Gaurav Sinha	Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), WB
3.	Shri Pawan Kumar	Additional Commissioner (CCO & CCP)
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 L.T. Bhutia	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Port)
11.	Shri Bappa Ditya Banerjee	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
12.	Shri Abhijit Bhattacharya	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
13.	Shri Ranjit Kumar Hembram	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
14.	Shri Anindita Nag	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (CCO)
15.	Shri Ranjeet Kumar Prasad	Superintendent of Customs (Prev.)
16.	Shri Amarjeet Kumar	Preventive Officer
17.	Shri Sayantan Ghosh	Chairman, Airport Sub Committee
18.	Shri Manojit Chandra	Superintendent, FPO
19.	Shri Jayanta Sen,	Member, Executive Committee & Convenor, Customs Sub Committee:
20.	Shri Debdatta Nandwani	FIEO

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21.	Shri Kaushik Ghosh	GJEPC
22.	Shri R. Raghupathi	Balmer Lawrie
Some other officials of various Organizations were also present.		

The Chairman welcomed all the members and opened the conference for discussion and directed Shri Pawan Kumar, ADC, CCO to start the meeting with Agenda Points, which are as follows:

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

1. More than 21,000 (twenty-one thousand) letter mail item are kept detained in LMA Section as on 13/10/2023 Kindly take necessary action else it is going to be an extra burden for space problem to the concerned section.
2. There are about 700 (seven hundred only) Letter Mail 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.
3. A good number of Parcels are kept under the custody of this office as "D" Parcels, which are not being assessed by the custom authority. Please take necessary action to assess these parcels to minimize our space problems.
4. The X-ray machines which are to be displaced/dismantled have not yet done. Please take necessary action in this regard.

Discussion during the Meeting (Point wise):-

1. Mr. M. Chandra explained that these are ordinary articles related to both import and export. He also explained that approximation has been done in calculating the number of parcels (21000) by taking the weight of parcel as 22-25grms. These articles are lying for assessment for long time and he requested that the disposal of these parcels may be expedited. Upon this Shri S. Devrajan, Joint Commissioner of Customs, Port clarified that these are all Parcels coming as baggage i.e. in Postal Bag containing mails, letters and dutiable goods. The dutiable goods are getting segregated at Foreign Post Office and sent to Customs for assessment of duty and the articles which have no tracking numbers or description are being cleared under Customs supervision. Further, he also advised that the articles may be presented before Customs Officers if it is not dutiable and this can be cleared.

Direction of the Chair: He advised that Foreign Post Office may co-ordinate with Customs Officials posted in PAD and may inform if any difficulties arise.

2. Mr. M. Chandra explained that these 700 articles are lying for a long time contain ing all types of articles and as the list provided to Customs Authorities is not exhaustive, the same is being prepared again for submission to Customs. Further he requested for co-operation of Customs in clearance of these articles. Upon this Shri S. Devrajan, JC, Port stated that this issue had been discussed in the month of March and Postal Authority was asked to prepare the list of these articles for disposal procedures. Upon this Mr. Chandra assured that the rectified list would be provided to Customs by 15th of November 2023.

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Direction of the Chair: The Chair suggested Mr. Chandra that the list may be provided to Customs at the earliest so that these articles can be disposed .

- Mr. Chandra explained that the import parcels mentioned as “D” which are more than 100 in number have been lying for many years. On this Shri S. Devrajan, JC, Port advised that the details of these articles may be presented before the Customs for examination and further disposal procedures.

Direction of the Chair: The Chair directed Shri S.Devrajan, JC, Port that a time schedule may be drawn in this regard and the same may be given to Mr. Chandra so that these articles can be presented in phased manner by the FPO. He also suggested Mr. M. Chandra to arrange the details of these parcels and submit it to the Customs so that these can be disposed of in a time bound manner.

Action to be taken:- Joint Commissioner of Customs, Port

- Shri Devrajan, JC, Port stated that the matter has been taken up with Director of Logistics and DoL has directed to constitute a Committee comprising members, one from Logistics, one from the Department of Electronics. Further, he stated that they are getting in touch with the DOL and once the member for the Committee is delegated, the Committee would be formed and the items lying would be examined and further disposed of.

Direction of the Chair: The Chair directed Mr. S. Devrajan to expedite the action in the matter so that the space occupied may be cleared soon.

Action to be taken:- Joint Commissioner of Customs, Port

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

- CRCL Lab Report is not available with CHA & Importer as the same has not been shared from the Lab. The same may kindly be allowed.
- If OOC Copy & E-Gatepass Copy is not received by email at CHA mail id – then Kolkata Port is not releasing DPD Cargo on the basis of Screenshot of BE Status from Icegate and Demanding such copies – which is delaying clearance of DPD Clients. In times of such irregularity of Icegate functioning the relevant notification regarding DPD clearance process from dock may kindly be reviewed and amended to include alternate provision.
- Haldia Port Charges @ Rs 11 for Entry of any port user irrespective of paying separately for Port License whereas the same charges are Nil in Kolkata and both Ports being under SMPK –uniformity in these practices is requested.
- CHA Deposit for Haldia Port Account is Rs 25000 whereas the same in Kolkata Port is Rs 5000.It is requested to kindly keep both charges at Rs 5000 for both Ports.
- Some Shipping Lines are charging Rs 1 lakh SD for Nepal Bound Containers by Road. Such Exorbitant Charges are detrimental to trade as Nepal trade is already moving away from Kolkata Port. The same may kindly be taken up with their association for necessary actions.

Discussions during the Meeting (Point wise):-

- Shri Sayantan Kumar Ghosh, Chairman Customs Sub-committee stated the CRCL report is not provided to the CHAs/Importers and in this situation when the same Shipment arrives next time, they are unable to upload it with the Bill of Entry. Shri Ataur Rahman,

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Commissioner of Customs, Port stated that DG system has been informed regarding the issue earlier and that the matter would be perused again with DG system.

2. Shri Ataur Rahman, Commissioner of Customs, Port stated that this point maybe examined in consultation with Port Authority.
3. Shri Ataur Rahman, Commissioner of Customs, Port informed that the schedule of rate chart has been revised by Haldia Port, and CHA Associations are requested to go through it and if the issue is not resolved the matter may be taken up again with Port Authority.
4. As discussed in Agenda Point no.3

Direction of the Chair: The Chair directed that as the **Agenda Point 3 & 4** are related to Port Authority, the same may be referred to Port Authority.

5. Shri Ataur Rahman, Commissioner of Customs, Port stated that the matter seems beyond the purview of Kolkata Customs and the same may be looked into by the Shipping Lines. Mr. Jayanto Sen, the representative of Shipping Lines, clarified that the rates depend upon the individual Shipping Line and their business policy, he suggested that the issue may be referred to ASIC for examination.

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: 31-10-2023

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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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