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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC)
MEETING HELD ON 28-03-2023**

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The meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Kolkata Customs Zone was held on 28-03-2023 at 04:00 PM, at the Board Room, Custom House, 15/1, Strand Road, 2nd Floor, Kolkata - 700001, under the Chairmanship of Shri Anil Kumar Gupta, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Customs Zone.

The following officers/representatives attended in the meeting:-

Sl. No.	Name & Designation (Shri/Ms)	Organization
1.	Shri Anil Kumar Gupta	Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone and Chairman
2.	Shri Ataur Rahman	Commissioner of Customs (Port) & (AP & ACC)
3.	Shri Ranjan Khanna	Commissioner of Customs (Preventive)
4.	Shri Hitesh Godara	Additional Commissioner of Customs (Port)
5.	Shri Dharmendra Pratap Singh	Joint Commissioner of Customs(CCO)
6.	Shri Bheem Ratna Rawat	Joint Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
7.	Shri Amin Khan	Joint Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC)
8.	Shri S. Devarajan	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Port)
9.	Shri Naveen Rana	Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Port)
10.	Smt. Anindita Nag	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, (CCO)
11.	Shri Anupam Kumar Singh	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, (CCO)
12.	Shri Rajib Kr. Snha	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Nepal & Bhutan)
13.	Shri Indranil Das	Preventive Officer (CCO)
14.	Shri Soumik Dutta	Preventive Officer (CCO)
15.	Ms. Sohini Chatterjee	Stenographer Grade - I
16.	Payal Karmakar	Inspector of Post Foreign, Post Kol
17.	Shri Dipankar Ray	System Asstt. Foreign, Post Kol
18.	Shri Jayanta Sen	ASIC
19.	Shri Tapan Kumar Debnath	ASIC
20.	Shri Sujit Chakraborty	President, WBCHAS

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21.	Shri Tanay Kumar Pal	SMPK
22.	Shri Prashanta Kumar	SDTM, SMPK
23.	Shri Arnab Chakraborty	M.E./FIEO
24.	Dr. Kamal K Halder	Assistant Drug Controller (I), CDSCO

The Chair extended a warm welcome to all the members, custodians & stakeholders of CCFC Meeting.

The Chief Commissioner of Customs then asked Shri Dharmendra Pratap Singh, Joint Commissioner of Customs(CCO) to take up the Action Taken Report of previous CCFC meeting.

Shri Dharmendra Pratap Singh, Joint Commissioner of Customs(CCO) greeted all the members/stakeholders of CCFC meeting and discussed ATR of the previous CCFC meeting.

DISCUSSED THE ATR OF PREVIOUS CCFC MEETING dated 23.02.2023:

Issue – I	Sponsored by Sr. Asst. Traffic Manager, SMP-Kolkata.
Point – 1.	Customs Immigration checking after arrival of vessel gets delayed most of the times for which vessels are unable to start work immediately after berthing.
Action Taken Report	A study report has been submitted by D.C. (Docks) in which it was seen out of 09 ships, 05 ships had given Entry Inward within one hour, 03 Ships in 05-27 hours and in 01Ship case extending upto 37 hours.
Discussion in the meeting	The reason of the delay was the non-availability of functional berth. ADC Port clarified that Customs officials had no role to play in the delay since time was being consumed in movement of ship from non-working to working berth. The entry Inward could be granted only after the ship arrived in working berth.
Point – 2.	For vessels going to berth at 3,4,5 NSD, generation of the scanning list is getting delayed & sometimes it is shared one day after the vessel arrival. It is also hampering the container delivery of that vessel as without getting scanning list not a single container can be delivered. Increase of idle times making Kolkata Port unattractive compared to neighbor ports.
Discussion in the meeting	Another matter relating to Port trust discussed in the previous CCFC meeting was related to delay in generation of scanning list. In this matter since the KoPT had not shared any list of such cases. The Chair directed the KoPT officials to share a list of cases where the scanning list was being generated after one hour. He also directed that such cases of delay, should be immediately brought to the notice of D.C. (Port).
Point – 3.	At present STS operation is allowed only for cargo destined to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka and vessels cannot call any Indian Port. Now Port is getting proposals to lighter mother vessel by small feeder vessels for sending cargo, i.e. LPG to Bangladesh and Myanmar after that the mother vessel may be allowed to call SMPK for discharging the remaining cargo for Indian consumers.
Discussion in the meeting	The Chair asked the Port Commissionerate to examine the issue and take up the matter with the Board to issue consolidated guidelines/instructions.
Issue – II	Sponsored by Assistant Director, GJEPC, Kolkata
Point – 1	Hand carriage of gems and jewellery to be allowed from Kolkata ACC.

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ATR	A Committee has been formed for the purpose and they will consult the stakeholders and if deemed fit PN/SO will be issued in this regard.
Issue – III	Raised by all stakeholders
Point – 1.	A common issue regarding the setting up of a TSK at Haldia for bond submission, bond defacement, Country of Origin and physical verification of documents for which they have to come to TSK, Custom House, Kolkata.
ATR	The Commissioner Port informed that the matter of allocation of duties to officers posted at Haldia is under process and necessary orders will be issued next month.

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The Chief Commissioner of Customs then directed Shri Dharmendra Pratap Singh, Joint Commissioner of Customs to take up the issues as per Agenda points.

AGENDA POINTS DISCUSSED IN THE CCFC MEETING DATED 28.03.2023:

Issue – I	Sponsored by Superintendent of Foreign Post, Kolkata -1.
Point – 1.	Huge number of parcels / articles are kept detained by the customs authority since years together. The FPO has been directed to undertake special drive to clear the pending Parcels/articles after consultation with the Custom authority as per norms for detention of different items categorically.
Comments of Department	PAD, vide letter dated 24.03.2023, addressed to Superintendent of Post, has intimated that Special drive to clear pending parcels may be undertaken as per Circular no. 49/2018 Customs dated 03.12.2018 in tandem with Handling of Cargo in Customs Areas Regulations, 2009. However, before initiation of the drive, they are requested to provide a detailed list of pending articles containing complete particulars such as Bill of Lading/Airway Bill number, CN22/CN23, description of goods, weight, name of the consignee/consignor, and tracking ID to PAD, Kolkata to facilitate PAD, Kolkata to segregate shipments which are disputed/stayed shipments required to be retained for investigation/adjudication/court procedure or require NOC from concerned agency for disposal. Further, in the said letter, it is also informed that the disposal of hazardous waste is to be carried out in accordance with the directions dated 14.10.2003 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP No. 657/95 read with Circular no. 31/2004-Cus dated 26.04.2004.
Discussion in the meeting	The Commissioner of Port mentioned that Foreign Post is the Custodian of the detained articles. The FPO officials may submit a list of detained Parcels/articles with all information and the Customs Officials can check whether there is any contraband item. Custodian has to identify the Parcels/articles seized by the Customs.
Direction of the Chair	The Postal Department has advised to prepare the list of all such detained articles with all particulars as per Circular No. 49/2018 Customs dated 03.12.2018 and submit to Customs for clearance of pending Parcels/articles. After submission of the complete list, committee of two officers each from Customs & FPO would be formed to examine the parcels/articles for disposal.
	Two X-ray baggage inspection system(XBIS), used for assessment of EMS items, lying at 1st floor and one X-ray baggage inspection system(XBIS), used for screening of Letter

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Point - 2.	Mail articles lying at 2nd floor are existing as non-functional since a long time. It is requested to remove the unworkable machines to utilize the scarcity of space in this office.		
Comments of Department	X-ray Baggage Inspection System(XBIS) is procured and looked after by Directorate of Logistics, CBIC, New Delhi. Therefore, the matter is being taken up with Directorate of Logistics for early resolution.		
Discussion in the meeting	The FPO officials requested for disposal or shifting of one condemned X-ray Baggage Inspection System (XBIS) are existing as non-functional since a long time. The Joint Commissioner of Port mentioned that the Directorate of Logistics (DoL), is the proper authority to allow for disposal of XBIS machine. Additional Commissioner Port said that since relocation of machines may be difficult, financial implication for shifting machines should also be looked into.		
Direction of the Chair	The Chair directed to take up/communicate the matter with Directorate of Logistics, New Delhi for condemning one XBIS and second machine, which is in working condition, shifted to suitable place for optimum utilization.		
Point - 3.	One X-ray baggage inspection system (XBIS), occupying a considerable space generated for installation at ground floor of this office is kept unused since installation. It is requested to activate the said machine as early as possible to accelerate the assessment procedure in this office as export volume is increasing day by day with introduction of Dak Niryat Kendra by Dept. of Posts.		
Comments of Department	X-ray baggage inspection system(XBIS), is procured and looked after by Directorate of Logistics, CBIC, New Delhi. The matter is being taken up with Directorate of Logistics for activation of the XBIS.		
Discussion in the meeting	The FPO officials requested that the X-ray Baggage Inspection System (XBIS) machine installed at ground floor lying in unused condition since installation needs to be made functional to accelerate the assessment procedure.		
Direction of the Chair	The Chair directed Shri Devarajan, J.C.(Port) that the matter should be taken up with the Directorate of Logistics (DoL) and the Vendor and machine should be made functional within a fortnight.		
Issue – II	Sponsored by Assistant Drugs Controller (I), CDSCO Seaport (I), Kolkata.		
Point - 1	Some new HSN codes may be included in the system in place of the old ones.		
	The details of HSN Codes:		
	Old HSN Code	New HSN Code	
	38220090	38221200 38229010 38229090	Diagnostic or laboratory IVD Kits nucleotides & diagnostic nucleotides etc. Medical Devices & IVD Kits (various IVD Diagnostic kits and bulk Reagents & other pathological test Kits/IgM&IgG ELISA Kits etc. HCV, HBsAg& HIV ELISA Kits.

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	90278090	90278100 90278990	Medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof etc.
	38220019	38221990	Diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing and prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing, IgG& IgM ELISA Kits etc.
		Chapter 9018 and subgroups there under	Instruments and appliances used in medical surgical, dental applications e.g. Catheters, Cannula, Defibrillators, Laparoscopes and any other class A & Class B Medical Devices etc.
Comments of Department	This is to inform that this matter has already been discussed in the CCFC meeting held on 25.08.2022 and the ADC, CDSCO, Kolkata Port has already been briefed that this issue is a national issue, not specific to Kolkata Customs Zone. Also, the mapping/removal of Tariff Lines (HSN/CTH) for routing the BE/SB to PGAs is managed through SWIFT administered by DG Systems & Data Management and no local systematic intervention is allowed. The PGAs through their competent authority forward the list of HSN/CTH for inclusion/removal to Board and further action is taken at Board/ Directorate of Systems level.		
Discussion in the meeting	The Chair mentioned that it is a Pan India issue and updation is done by DG Systems. Asstt. Drug. Controller said that the issue has already been taken up with the DG Systems.		
Direction of the Chair	The Chair asked the CDSCO Sea Port official to submit a copy of the communication sent to DG Systems to Shri D. P. Singh, JC (CCO), so that the matter can be pursued from Custom's end for early resolution of the issue.		

The Chief Commissioner of Customs then asked all the participants/stakeholders to discuss any other issues faced by the trade.

Other issues discussed during the meeting:-

Other Issue-I	The Association of Shipping Interests in Calcutta (ASIC) raised an issue regarding submission of standing guarantee required even after implementation of SCMTR.
Direction of the Chair	The Chair directed to submit a write-up on the issue within a week and asked the Commissioner(Port) to examine the issue and submit report within a fortnight.
Other Issue-II	The FIEO raised an issue that some Shipping Bills were showing cancelled in spite of the LEO being given and showing PCIN error.
Direction of the Chair	The Chair directed to take up the issue with Saksham Seva and ADC Port suggested that the issue be discussed with DG Systems Officials in Kolkata and submit a copy of the letter to Customs also.

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

This issues with the approval of Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Customs Zone.

Date: 31-03-2023

(Dharmendra Pratap

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Signed by Dharmendra
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