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Sub: Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee - Minutes of the meeting held on 29.03.2019-Reg.

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Meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee was held at 2.30 pm on 29.03.2019 in the Conference Hall of Office of the Chief Commissioner of Central Tax, Central Excise & Customs, Thiruvananthapuram Zone. Shri. Pullela Nageswara Rao, IRS, Chief Commissioner chaired the meeting.

The following Officers of Customs were present.

S/Shri/Ms:

1. Dr. Tiju. T. Additional Commissioner
2. Aneish P. Rajan, Joint Commissioner
3. Dr. Raji N.S, Deputy Commissioner
4. Ranabir Bose, Assistant Commissioner
5. P.J. David, Assistant Commissioner
6. Baiju Daniel, Appraising Officer
7. V.R. Sunil Kumar, Superintendent of Customs and
8. M. Chenchuraman, Superintendent of Customs.

The following Officer(s) of Cochin Port Trust, Spices Board, FSSAI, Plant Quarantine, Representatives of trade were present.

S/Shri:

1. Gautam Gupta, Traffic Manager, Cochin Port Trust
2. Raj Vinod, Sr. Asst. Traffic Manager, Cochin Port Trust
3. B.N. Jha, Deputy Director (Marketing), Spices Board
4. S.S. Sidhu, Plant Protection Officer (E), Plant Quarantine

5. Dr. Jesto George, Authorized Officer, FSSAI
6. Sudhansu S. Das, Export Inspection Agency
7. Alan Jose, President, CCBA
8. A.A. Fernandez, Secretary, CCBA
9. Sonu George, CEO, Great Sea Shipping
10. Moosa Anas K.P. Coastal Shipping Asst. Manager, Port Office, Kozhikode
11. Capt. Pradesh Nair, Officer I/C., Port Office, Kozhikode
12. James Jose, Exe. Member, KSSIA and
13. Rejo Peter, Terminal Manager, CONCOR.

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting. The meeting noted that there is only one written point submitted by Dr. Jesto George, Deputy Director, FSSAI, Cochin.

POINT FOR DISCUSSION:

Requested for data on RMS waiver and FSSAI reference for FY 2018-19 and thereafter on monthly basis.

It was informed by the authorized officer Dr. Jesto George, FSSAI that, their Director (Imports), FSSAI has directed the Authorized Officers to collect data on the food consignments referred to FSSAI and those, which have been given RMS waiver in ICEGATE from corresponding Customs Offices. This is to analyze the level of RMS waiver to ensure that required level of waiver is obtained in eligible cases. Also such data helps FSSAI in ensuring compliance of laws, ease of doing business. Hence requested to give instructions to officers to forward data for the year 2018-19 and on monthly basis from next month onwards to their official email id. aocochin@fssai.gov.in. During the discussion, FSSAI informed that due to induction of State of Art equipment and strict testing procedures in some countries some of the food items etc., exported from India are being returned.

The Chair informed that the issue would be looked into and discussed with RMD, Mumbai. In respect of the issue of return of exported goods, the Chair opined that, a training/awareness programme needs to be organized by Spices Board, Coffee Board, Tea Board, etc., to educate exporters on the issue.

(For Action: Joint Commissioner(s), Custom House & CCP)

Thereafter, the Chair requested the stakeholders, whether they would like to present any fresh oral points.

FRESH POINTS FOR DISCUSSION:

Point No. 1 Gold Jewellery Export samples drawing and Testing

It was informed by Shri. James Jose, Kerala State Small Industries Association (KSSIA), that, the gold jewellery exported through Cochin Air Cargo Complex are subjected to drawal of samples from the jewellery of about 5 to 10 grams as samples and tested at Customs Lab under Destructive method. He submitted that the 60 BIS certified Agencies operating in Kerala, may be permitted to certify the gold instead of the destructive method for which they are losing roughly 5 to 10 grams of gold worth about Rs.30,000/-. Further, he stated that there is a delay of 7 to 10 days in testing and reporting, which affects their work. He requested to specify the time limit for testing and reporting and also to permit to keep extra quantity of gold which will be brought along export consignment for testing and sampling.

The Chair informed him that the issue would be looked into and after discussing with Commissioner of Customs action would be taken.

(For Action: Joint Commissioner(s), Custom House & CCP)

Point No. 2 Port Office, Kozhikode

It was informed by Shri.Moosa Anas, Port Office, Kozhikode that they want to have custodianship of Azhikkal Port in order to promote export of food items, cashew, etc. They thanked Shri.Aneish P. Rajan, Joint Commissioner, CCP for his support in promoting, Azhikkal Port. He further stated that, every month about 900 containers are expected to be handled at Azhikkal Port. Coffee and other cargoes are expected from Mysore to Azhikkal Port for export.

With the permission of Chair, Joint Commissioner, Shri. Aneish P. Rajan informed the port authorities to improve the infrastructure, to secure the cargo being handled, dredging of harbor area and to secure custodian code. The Chair added that to have at least minimum infrastructure like warehouse to consider their request.

(No Action warrants from customs side at present)

Point No. 3 Port CFS, Cochin Port Trust

S/Shri. Gautam Gupta, Traffic Manager, Cochin Port Trust & Raj Vinod, Sr. Asst. Traffic Manager, Cochin Port Trust, submitted that they applied for waiver of payment of Cost Recovery Charges after attaining the bench mark fixed by Board and it is still pending for consideration.

The Chair assured that the matter would be looked into, and Custom House,, Cochin will be informed to take necessary action.

(For Action: Joint Commissioner, Custom House)

Since no other points came up for discussion, the Chair concluded the meeting by thanking the members. The date for next meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee will be intimated to the members through their official/personal e-mail ids and also will be published in Custom House website www.cochincustoms.nic.in. Points for discussion/enquiries, if any, may be sent to the designated Nodal Officers viz., Dr. T. Tiju, Additional Commissioner, Chief Commissioner's Office and Shri. B.G. Krishnan, Joint Commissioner, Custom House, Cochin.

4/4/19

(Dr. T. Tiju)
Additional Commissioner

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Dated: 04.04.2019

"Hindi version will follow"

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04.04.2019

(V.R. Sunilkumar)
Superintendent of Customs, CCO

Forwarded to:

1. **The Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Cochin,**
2. **The Commissioner of Customs, Preventive, Cochin,**
3. **The Additional Director General, Directorate of Tax Payer Service, Bangalore Zonal Unit, 4th Floor TTMC Building, Above BMTC Bus Stand, Domlur, Bangalore-560071.**

Copy to:

1. **The Joint Commissioner, Custom House, Cochin**
2. **The Joint Commissioner, CCP, Cochin**
3. **All D.Cs & A.Cs**
4. **All members**
5. **The Superintendent, EDI, Custom House, Cochin for uploading in The website of Office of the Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Cochin**
6. **The Superintendent, EDI, Chief Commissioner's Office, C.R. Building, I.S. Press Road, Ernakulam-18 for uploading in the website of Office of the Chief Commissioner of CT, C Ex. & Customs, Thiruvananthapuram Zone.**