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MINUTES OF THE 18th CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 30th MARCH, 2021 AT 15.30 HRS.

The 18th Meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee was held on 30th March, 2021 for the quarter ending January, 2021 to March 2021 in the Conference Hall of Pune Customs, 4th Floor, E-Wing, GST Bhavan, Pune 411 001 under the Chairmanship of Shri Pankaj Dwivedi Commissioner, Customs, Pune. Through VIDEO CONFERENCE

2. The following representatives from the Importers/Exporters/CHA/ Trade /Industries/Stake holders attended the said 18th meeting of CCFC.

S.No.	Name of the Member Shri	Representing
1.	Shri R.D. Bhargava	PCHAA
2.	Shri Pradeep Kale	PCHAA
3	Shri Jacob George	CII
4.	Shri Anand V Paranjape	EXIM Management Services
5	Shri Captain A.V. Samarth	PCHAA
6.	Shri H.P. Shrivastawa	DCCIA
7	Shri Bhagwan Singh	Dolphin company
8	Shri Ajay Keer	DHL
9	Shri Santosh Ingalkar	Trade Representative

10	Shri Jalinder Thite	Trade Representative
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3. The following Officers from the Department attended the said meeting:

S.No	Name of the Officer	Designation
1.	Shri Dhruva Seshadri	Joint Commissioner, Pune Customs
2.	Shri V.V.Mangaraju	Joint Commissioner, Pune Customs
3.	Shri M.S.Shete	Deputy Commissioner, (Tech)
4.	Smt. Himani Dhamija	Deputy Commissioner, Pune International Airport, Pune
5.	Shri Amit Nayak	Deputy Commissioner, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg & Dapoli Division
6.	Shri.Pancratius Kiro	Assistant Commissioner,TPSC
7	Shri P.B. Jagtap	Inspector(Tax Payer's Service)

4. Shri P. Kiro, Assistant Commissioner, CCFC welcomed all the committee members and the departmental officers present in the meeting via Video Conferencing and with due regards to the Chairman of the meeting, sought permission to start the meeting.

5. Shri Dhruva Seshadri, Joint Commissioner, Pune Customs, introduced himself and welcome all. He took up for discussion, the only agenda point of this meeting which was sent by Shri Anand Paranjape of Exim Management which stated as "To ensure that all the Custodians who are there in the jurisdiction of Pune Customs are fully on-boarded and registered on the SCMTR so that the message of SF and ASR can be filed in timely manner. He further asked Shri. Anand Paranjape, if want to add anything on this. Shri. Paranjape mentioned that the container moves from Pune after clearance and if the ICDs are unable to put the stuffing report properly, then the shipping line do not accept the documents without e-gate pass and e-gate pass is generated only after stuffing report. So SCMTR compliance is mandatory and in Inspector role of stuffing report has been disabled by the system to push the SCMTR registration. So all ICD need to ensure compliance under SCMTR registration.

6. Shri Dhruva Seshadri Joint Commissioner replied that Pune Customs is already fully on the job to ensure that, in fact with regard to ICD Dighi and ICD Talegaon from where maximum numbers of export happen, they are already working and monitoring their number of messages on daily basis on the preproduction and production environment. As far as Bhamboli is concerned, there are some small technical issues, but that also will be resolved very soon. These are the three main ICD's in Pune which are in operational forms, so Pune Customs is fully on board. If any specific issues they come across then can let us know

7.1 Further, Shri Dhruva Seshadri Joint Commissioner discussed specific issues regarding "CAROTAR" and Self sealing permission which were discussed in the previous CCFC meeting held in December 2020 and expressed its outcome to Trade. As regards CAROTAR, many cases of Bills of Entry case came to notice where FAG raised some doubt and in such cases, Pune Customs was pursuing with the concerned FAG to take a call quickly or refer to PAG so that required action will be taken and the live consignments are not held up.

7.2 As regards "Self Sealing Permission" we had clarified that only the new registrations need to come to us and renewal of old registrations was not required except for the registrations taken prior to January 2018, as already discussed in the previous meeting.

7.3 He also asked to put forth any other point on current issues being faced by the members.

8. Therefore Shri. Pradeep Kale, on behalf of the stake holder put forth the point regarding "faceless assessment on import consignments, at ICDs in Pune". He appreciated the help from Pune Customs and expressed that the Pune Customs officers are always resolving the matter as soon as any delays are there. He further mentioned that, prior to faceless assessment, the clearance time was hardly 1 to 2 days, but now it is normally 4 to 5 days or sometimes the same is 7 to 8 days. Hence he requested to write to D G Systems or system that it should be automatically be diverted to other officers, if not cleared within 8 to 10 hours. Or It should be diverted to the higher authority like AC or DC level, which will help in fast

clearance. Also he requested that, if it is not cleared within 3 days on faceless assessment, then PAG should recall it and assess the Bills of Entry at PAG level.

9. Shri. Dhruva Seshadri Joint Commissioner has replied that point regarding dwell time had already been expressed previously. He stated that unnecessarily referring bills of entry to PAG based on a time threshold would somewhat defeat the purpose of faceless assessment, and further there are limitations which are placed by the extant Board's Circulars including No. 45/2020 - Customs, where the bills of entry can be recalled back to PAG only in certain situations. Anyhow the issue is noted. He further requested H'ble Commissioner Sir to give his say in the matter.

10. Hon'ble Commissioner, Customs Pune welcomed all and mentioned that Chief Commissioner Madam of Pune Zone was supposed to chair this meeting. However since she was preoccupied in some other work, could not attend and has directed him to chair the meeting. He further said that his issue pointed out by Shri Kale, was also raised in last meeting. He emphasized that dwell time has always been sensitive issue for the department as well as for the assessee and the officers of Pune Customs would help in reducing the dwell time to the maximum extent possible. He informed that in case of specific issues, the trade could escalate the matter through the Turant Suvidha Kendras (TSK) but any recurrent issues need to be raised separately in writing. He informed that Pune Customs would take up such grievances/issues either in its own FAG group (2H-2K) or forward the grievance to the concerned NAC, where that particular Group is being handled. He reiterated that pulling the bills of entry to PAG in case of delay of more than 3 days, can not be done until and unless the Board makes some changes in this regard.

11. COMPLIANCE TO THE PARAS RAISED IN THE 17TH CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23TH DECEMBER, 2020 AT 15.30 P.M.

a. No Para pending for compliance.

12. The Commissioner, thanked all the members for their co-operation in all respects and making themselves available for the CCFC meeting through Video conference.

13. The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair, officers and Trade by Shri. Dhruva Seshadri, Jt. Commissioner by Customs Pune.

(Dhruva Seshadri)
Joint Commissioner,
Pune Customs

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