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### Minutes of the 56<sup>th</sup> CCFC Meeting Bengaluru Customs Zone held on 12.10.2023 at 3 PM

The 56th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) Meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 from 15:00 hours onwards through video conference. Smt. V Usha, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone chaired the CCFC meeting. The list of officers attending the meeting is annexed to the minutes.

2. The Chairperson addressed the participating members with the opening remarks referring to agenda items pending from previous CCFC meeting and fresh issues flagged by the members.
3. The Additional Commissioner, CCO, with permission of the Chairperson, made a brief a presentation on the recent Board Circulars issued by the Board, public notices issued by the Commissionerates during the period from 01<sup>st</sup> August 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
4. The following agenda points were taken up for discussion-

A. **Posting of Animal Quarantine Officer at KIA, Bengaluru-** In response to CCO letters dated 27.06.2023 and 14.08.2023 requesting posting of an officer at KIA, Bengaluru, AQCS vide their letter dated 20.09.2023 stated –

- with respect to livestock import procedure, most of the applicants are applying through e-mail and the subsequent advance NOCs has been approved and sent through email to the concerned airlines, owner and Customs authority;
- AQCS officers of India are working on shift basis to cater 24\*7 presence at Airport due to lack of manpower;
- they had already flagged the issue of manpower shortage with the Joint Secretary (Trade), DAHD, MoFAHD, GOI for providing more manpower so that some officials will be deputed at Airport during night hours to facilitate the import of livestock.

During the meeting, Mr Sahu, Deputy Commissioner, AQCS informed that the issue has been flagged to the Ministry regarding manpower, however reply is awaited. He further apprised the participants that since 18.09.2023, AQCS have started online clearance system for getting NOC in respect of import clearances and two of their officers are posted in KIA, Bengaluru for issuance of NOC. He informed whenever additional manpower is allotted, the officers will be posted to KIA, Bengaluru. He also stated that all the AQCS offices are not working 24\*7. He informed that in two consignment of wildlife at night, time he has inspected and deported the consignments beyond his office working hours and also stated that in emergency cases he will be available 24\*7.

The Chairperson expressed appreciation for providing online NOCs for the import clearances and being available for emergencies. Emphasizing the need to facilitate and address difficulties of

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passengers with infants, elderly passengers waiting for their baggage and pets, the Chief Commissioner of Customs requested AQCS to look into the matter to depute one representative regarding issuance of NOC for Customs clearances at night time.

Further, Smt Kajal Singh, Pr. Commissioner, ACC informed that the Animal Quarantine officers have been responsive and co-operative regarding issuance of NOC. She added that while the AQRS representatives are not present inside the Airport, they are available in one of the Alpha building nearby to the Airport. Only the main office has been shifted to Hessarghatta. Further, she stated that most of the pet shipment is coming through Unaccompanied Baggage which is during the day time and the customs officers will be present at that time for clearances.

The Chairman requested to examine the feasibility of full time person that can be posted at the KIA Airport itself for issuance of NOC.

**B. Points raised by Shri Praveen, representative from KASSIA:**

- **Amnesty Scheme for one time settlement for EPCG scheme by DGFT:** With respect to Amnesty Scheme for one time settlement for EPCG scheme by DGFT, Shri Praveen informed that KASSIA had received more than 73 requests from the MSMEs and have been forwarded to the concerned departments.
- **M/s Varna Paints:** Referring to clearances issue faced by M/s Varna paints at ICD, Bangalore received by them, he informed he will send an email with all the details. Shri Amitesh Bharat Singh, Commissioner, BCC took note of the issue raised. Further, the Commissioner also informed that w.r.t. concessional duty sought, matter be forwarded to take up the matter with the CBIC, New Delhi.
- **Awareness program** between the Customs and the trade to know the changes in the Customs department: Shri Praveen requested for arranging an awareness programme for the trade. The Chairman asked to share the requisites – whether the awareness programme is required for clarification/information on procedural aspect or product specific relating to notifications, etc. The Chairman assured the organizing of such a program based on the type of inputs that the trade requires from Customs.

**C. Non credit of ROSL Scroll in respect of M/s Go Go International Pvt Ltd sponsored by AEPC:** Mr Dorababu from AEPC flagged the issue of M/s Go Go International regarding non-credit of ROSL Scroll in respect of some Shipping Bills pertaining to both ACC and ICD Bangalore. It was informed that the exporter has changed the bank from SBI to HDFC and due to that ROSL scroll has not been credited w.r.t some of the Shipping Bills for the period 2016. In the matter, Smt Kajal Singh, Pr Commissioner, ACC stated that as the bank has been changed it might be pending due to failure of bank validation. The Chairman informed Smt Kajal Singh, Pr Commissioner, ACC and Shri Amitesh Bharat Singh, Commissioner BCC to look into the matter and resolve the issue. In response Shri Amitesh Bharat Singh suggested to send a detailed email including the feedback from the Banks. The Chairman informed Mr. Dorababu to send email to the Commissionerates and a copy to the CCO so that the matter can be resolved before the next CCFC meeting.

**D. Pendency in Bangalore Foreign Post Officer- Foreign Post Office**

Superintendent, Department of Posts had informed in the CCFC group that more than 1500 import articles are pending clearance by Customs. In the matter, Shri Amitesh, Commissioner of Customs, BCC informed that he has instructed the officers to clear the pendency manually and within two days they will be clear the pendency. The Chairman informed the Commissioner, BCC to implement the manual clearance method and clear the pendency of the imported items which are lying

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in Foreign Post Office and afterwards systems can be requested to resolve the issues regarding import application which has implemented since 18.08.2023. The Commissioner, City Customs, Bengaluru assured that the pendency will be resolved expeditiously.

5. Having discussed the agenda items, the Chief Commissioner welcomed comments/ observations or any other issue from the members.

6.1 **Slow ICEGATE:** Shri V Chandru, from Air Cargo Forum India on behalf of BCHAAL flagged the issue of ICEGATE running very slow due to which shipments are held up for clearances. It was also informed that faceless assessment is taking a long time for clearances for the last 10 days and in many cases, bills has been marked for 100% open examination.

Smt Kajal Singh, Pr Commissioner, ACC informed that since last week there were some systems problem in ICES where RMS instructions are not reflecting in the bills. This is happening in both import and export side where system is not showing any RMS instruction; because of which 100% open examination has been done. She informed that in such cases where there are no RMS instructions, she will instruct the officers not to put 100% open examination for the AEO importers/exporters.

Chairman observed that in the absence of RMS instructions, the assessing officer can make a note in the comment regarding the type of importer/ exporter. She also stated that the Commissionerate will take necessary action to resolve at their level at the earliest and asked Mr Chandru to send an email regarding the matter so that it can be send to the Director General of Systems, New Delhi to resolve the issue.

6.2 **Issues in filing local IGM for LCL Cargo:** Shri V Chandru flagged that they are facing issues in filing of local IGM for the LCL cargo which are coming from Chennai to Bangalore since 18.09.2023. Because of new version in ICEGATE the consignment are held up for the last 10-15 days and also unable to file the Bill Of Entry. He requested for a manual systems to clear these consignments and regularize those bills afterwards. Shri Amitesh Bharat Singh, Commissioner, BCC informed that they are in regular touch with the DG (Systems) for resolution of the issues at the earliest.

7. Since no further issues were to be discussed, the Chairperson thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

(B Konthoujam)  
Additional Commissioner(CCO)

1. All Members of CCFC
2. Others - as per Mailing List.

**Copy to:**

1. The Pr. Commissioner of Customs, Airport & ACC Customs Commissionerate, Bengaluru.
2. The Commissioner of Customs, City Customs Commissionerate, Bengaluru.
3. The Commissioner of Mangalore Customs, Mangalore.

**ANNEXURE-A**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name (S/Shri/Smt/Ms./Dr.)</b>	<b>Designation/Organization</b>
1.	Kajal Singh	Pr Commissioner, AP & ACC Commissionerate
2.	Amitesh Bharat Singh	Commissioner, City Customs Commissionerate, Bengaluru
3.	Mashhood Ur Rehman Farooqui	Additional Commissioner, City Customs Commissionerate, Bengaluru
4.	B.Konthoujam	Additional Commissioner, CCO
5.	Saktha A	Additional Commissioner, AP & ACC, Bangalore
6.	Santhi Sudha	Additional Commissioner, AP & ACC, Bangalore
7.	G Vamshi Krishna Reddy	Additional Commissioner, AP & ACC, Bangalore
8.	M Aamir Siddiqui	Deputy Commissioner,ICD,City Customs Commissionerate
9.	Indrajit Panda	Deputy Commissioner,ICD,City Customs Commissionerate
10.	Devasish Paul	Assistant Commissioner, AP & ACC, Bangalore
11.	K.M.Sarvotham	Assistant Commissioner, CCO
12.	Dr Nimisha	Deputy Commissioner, City Customs Commissionerate, Bengaluru
13.	Dr T K Sahu	Deputy Commissioner, AQCS, Bangalore
14.	Girish Narayan	Secretary, Bangalore Custom House Agents Association Limited
15.	Sridhar S	BAIL Airport
16.	Mayank Puri	Gateway Manager, DHL Express
17.	Mahadeva	Vice President (Operations) Menzies Bobba, Bangalore
18.	P Dorababu	Assistant Director, Apparel Export Promotion Council
19.	Soma Chaudhary	Joint Director, FIEO Bengaluru
20.	Kusumakar M Naik	Manager-Operations, EICI, Bengaluru
21.	Rahul Raman	Plant Protection Officer PQS, MANGALURU
22.	V Chandru	Vice Chairman, Air Cargo Forum India
23.	Praveen	Chairman, KASSIA