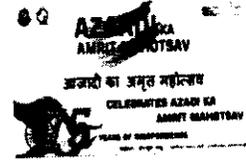


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**Minutes of the 6th Permanent Trade Facility Committee(PTFC)
meeting held on 10.08.2023**

The 6th Meeting of the PTFC was held on 10.8.2023 at 15.30 hours in the Conference Hall of Custom House, Mangaluru. Shri. V. Soundararajan, Principal Commissioner chaired the meeting and the following officers/members attended the meeting:

S.I. No	Name of the Officer/Members Shri/Smt./Ms.	Designation/Organization
1	Dr. Somanna C.	Joint Commissioner
2	Mithosh Raghavan P.	Deputy Commissioner
3	Dr. Bhageerathi Gaonkar	Deputy Commissioner
4	Vasudeva Naik. D	Assistant Commissioner
5	M. Chandrashekar	Assistant Commissioner
6	Sridhar S.	Assistant Commissioner
7	Krishnakumar R.	Assistant Commissioner
8	Prashant Kumar	Chemical Examiner Grade I
9	Gara Sharma	Superintendent (Docks)
10	Shruti Ranjan Barik	Superintendent (Docks)
11	Shashi Kant	Appraiser (Import)
12	Gudiputi Sunil Kumar	Appraiser (Export)
13	Kartik Kaundanya	Superintendent (Appraising-III)
14	Naorem Subhash Chandra Singh	Superintendent, Custom House (Hqrs)
15	Gagan Garg	Superintendent (Technical)
16	R. Raman	Asst. Director, Plant Quarantine, Mangalore
17	Harish Babu D.B.	GM(Operations), MRPL
18	Manjunath Halashi	Chief Manager, MRPL-ONGC
19	Hardik Jha	MRPL
20	D.P. Shetty	MRPL
21	Praveen Bangera	President, Steamer Agents Association

22	Prashant C.G.	Secretary, Steamer Agents Association
23	Abdur Rahman	Treasurer, Kanara Chamber of Commerce
24	Gangadhar V. Shetty	Amogha Shipping Agency
25	M. Shekhar Pujari	President, Association of New Mangalore Port Stevedores
26	Philip C.C.	President, Mangalore Customs Brokers Association
27	Srikanth Tata	Head (Operations), Mangalore International Airport
28	Rajesh	Aspinwall & Co. Ltd.
29	Dr. Divya Swesh	TO, FSSAI
30	K. Preetha	TO, FSSAI
31	Ganesh C	Somkar Agency

2. The meeting commenced with the welcome address by the Chairman. After formal introduction, the following agenda points were discussed:

(i) By Shri Prashant C.G., Secretary, Steamer Agents Association:

- (a) Steamer agents are unable to file EGM within 7 days from the ship's departure as the amendment of relevant shipping bill is taking time beyond 7 days.**

Shri. Prashant C.G. elaborated the above issue. The concerned Superintendent explained that as per Section 41 (1) of the Customs Act 1962, the Export General Manifest (EGM) has to be filed electronically before departure of the conveyance from a customs station and that the Export Manifest is invariably being filed after the departure of the vessel. As it is to do with facilitation, Chairman directed to examine the case in detail and also directed to get hold of any such facility provided in other Custom Houses.

- (b) Due to delay in generation of ILH challan in DGLL website, unable to produce challan during boarding formalities. Production of ILH challan to be insisted at the time of issuance of Port Clearance.**

Shri. Prashant C.G. expressed difficulty in producing challan during the boarding formalities. Further, due to some technical glitch, the Trade is not able to produce online challan and has to opt for manual challan due to which there is a considerable loss of time for the CHAs. Therefore, it was requested that the production of challan may be allowed at the time of port clearance before sailing.

In this regard, the Superintendent (Docks) explained that every application filed by the shipping line for granting entry inwards has details regarding payment of light house dues like date of payment, amount, challan no. etc. So far, they have not come across any such instance where entry inward has been delayed for non-production of ILH Challan during the boarding formalities. Further, as per para 4.5 of Customs Preventive Manual, the Shipping line would make payment of the Light House Dues before making application for entry inward. Accordingly, the Boarding Officer will enter details like the date and amount of Light House dues paid, Challan Number, etc in ICES while granting entry inwards. Therefore, it appears

that payment of light house dues is one of the mandatory requirements for making application for grant of entry inwards. The Chairman while discussing the legality, also has agreed to attend to the said issue on a case to case basis.

- (c) Income Tax NOC for sailing of coastal ships. As per the Indian ship owners, same is not mandatory for ships plying exclusively on coastal run.**

The Chairman requested Shri Prashant C.G. to provide the details of instances wherein such issue has been noticed for which he replied that he did not have the details but was informed of the same by the members of the Association. The Chairman replied that as per his knowledge, none of his officers has asked for Income Tax NOC for sailing of coastal ships since the same is not required. Further, the Chairman informed the Trade that such instances, if any, may be brought to his notice for immediate remedial action.

(d) Status of SCMT Regulations 2018

The Chairman stated that it is a policy matter and the same is tentatively set to be launched in Dec 2023 and in this regard he also intends to invite a Systems officer from Mumbai to impart training to the officers.

(ii) By Shri Philip C.C., President, Mangalore Customs Brokers Association:

- (a) PQ LINKING FOR BILL OF ENTRY: Previously the PQ Linking was done directly and after Goods Registration / Examination the Out of Charges is granted immediately. At present the Bill of Entry after Examination goes to D.C for PQ Linking and then back for Out of Charge. Request to change the procedure and accept the earlier system, so that delays and hardships could be avoided.**

The said issue was elaborately explained by Shri Philip C.C. The PQ officer on being requested, explained that the system has changed to PQIS and they have raised the query since the same is an all India issue. The Chairman informed that he will take up the matter with the PQ authorities directly.

- (b) Presently , there is a delay and loss due to Bill of Entry being allotted to FAG and the B.E. remains unattended for many days and even the location of the B.E. cannot be traced until the Appraising Officer opens the Bill of Entry. Due to this, there is a delay in clearing the cargo thus incurring additional exorbitant expenses by way of detention/ demurrage paid to Shipping Lines. Request to intervene to avoid such delays and to fix a time frame for assessment and clearance. Sometimes there is delay at the Local Station too which may be avoided and the Shipping Bills / Bill of Entry may be assessed and cleared within 24 hours.**

The Chairman requested the Trade to bring such issues to TSK (Turant Suvidha Kendra) and also instructed the officers to clear the consignments within 24 Hrs. Further, the officer in-charge of TSK was also introduced to the participants and his contact number was shared with them.

- (c) For commodities like Coffee etc. the PGA documents like Coffee Board Certificate, FSSAI Certificate, etc are normally submitted at the time of LEO. But the Assessing Officers demand such documents in advance at the time of filing Shipping Bills, which practically is difficult to submit. These certificates are applied for after Container stuffing, with actual quantity and Shipping Bill etc will be amended for actual quantity. The issue may be looked into and resolved.**

On the Chairman's direction, the Appraiser (Export) explained that Coffee Board Permit and FSSAI Permit are mandatory as per the CBIC Instructions. Further, these certificates are one time certificates with validity of 4-5 years and the same can be produced at the time of filing of shipping bill. The participants informed that they had misunderstood the Permits requested for by the Department and stated that it would be possible to provide the Coffee Board Permit and FSSAI Permit at the time of filing the shipping bill.

- (d) Regular Import of bulk Cargo / Liquid Cargo are going to FAG and getting delayed and also unethical queries and examination orders are being received. For example FAG is asking for open examination and sampling for cargo like LPG. Request to implement a procedure for such orders to avoid delays due to examination orders."**

The Chairman apprised the Trade on the matter and informed that the officers were sensitized about the issue and that if any such case is noticed, the same may be brought to the notice of the TSK for immediate intervention and redressal.

- (e) Nowadays lot of issues are being faced due to the erratic working of ICEGATE and filing of Shipping Bills and Bills of Entry is getting delayed and in turn the importers are forced to pay late filing charges as well as penal interest and clearance of cargo is also getting affected. In such cases the Commissioner of Customs may give a general waiver of late filing charges or penal interest as the case may be, which will be a consolation to the Trade"**

In this regard, the Chairman expressed his inability to provide a blanket waiver but assured that waiver could be considered on a case to case basis depending upon its merits, after submission of screenshot/ any other proof thereof.

3. Finally, the Chairman requested the participants to put forth any other issue which needs to be discussed, for which the representative from MRPL pointed out that the Customs Officers are taking more than two hours to complete the boarding formalities of the vessel. The Chairman assured that the matter would be looked into and sorted out.

This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner.



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