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**Minutes of the 7th Permanent Trade Facility Committee (PTFC)
meeting held on 31.05.2024**

The Permanent Trade Facility Committee (PTFC) was constituted vide Circular dated 07.01.2022. The Seventh Meeting of the PTFC was held on 31st May, 2024 at 15.30 hours at 4th Floor, Conference Hall, Custom House, Mangaluru. Smt. P. Vinitha Sekhar, Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru, chaired the PTFC meeting. The following officers/members attended the meeting;

Sl. No	Name of the Officer/Members Shri/Smt./Ms.	Designation/Department/Organization
1	P. Vinitha Sekhar	Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
2	Mithosh Raghavan P.	Deputy Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
3	Vasudeva Naik. D	Assistant Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
4	M. Chandrashekar	Assistant Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
5	Sridhar S.	Assistant Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
6	Aravinda Raja	Assistant Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
7	Gara Sharma	Superintendent of Customs, Docks
8	Shruti Ranjan Barik	Superintendent of Customs, Docks
9	Kartik Kaundanya	Superintendent of Customs, Appraising-III
10	Naorem Subhash Chandra Singh	Superintendent of Customs, Custom House (Hqrs)
11	K Ramakrishnan	Superintendent of Customs, EDI Section
12	Gagan Garg	Superintendent of Customs, Technical
13	Rohit Mukesh	Manager, JSW
14	Dilip Puneet	DGM, JSW

15	N. Kumar	JSW
16	J. Balakrishna	President, New Mangalore Port Users Association
17	M Shekhar Pujari	President, Association of New Mangalore Port Stevedores
18	Philip C.C.	President, Mangalore Customs House Agents Association
19	Rakshith K.A. Poojary	ATM Gr-I, NMPA
20	S.K. Ravi Kiran	DTM, NMPA
21	Dr. Pradeep P.E.	Plant Protection Officer (PP)
22	R. Krishna Reddy	Manager, Adani Power Limited
23	Jagannath Naik M	Manager, Mangalore International Airport
24	Dr. Divya Suresh	Tech. Officer, FSSAI
25	K. Preetha	Tech. Officer, FSSAI
26	Dr. Jinsa Nizam	PHO, Mangalore
27	Priya	PHO, Mangalore
28	Roopesh Shetty	Jainarayana Shipping Co. (CHA)
29	Raghu Rao	Meridian Freight Forwarders Pvt Ltd
30	Vikas	ETA Logistics
31	Prashanth K. Chowta	Amogha Shipping Agency

2. The meeting commenced with the welcome of the members/participants by the Chairperson Smt. P. Vinitha Sekhar, Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru. The Chairperson informed the trade about the grievance raised by Karnataka Cashew Manufacturers Association about the non-competent fees being charged by JSW Mangalore Container Terminal Pvt. Limited and that the Chairperson raised the said issue in the Board meeting of NMPA. NMPA & JSW Container Terminal Pvt. Limited have agreed to consider the said issue and have agreed to reconsider the charges being collected.

3. The Chairperson asked the Superintendent (Technical) to read out the agendas/ points for the meeting.

4. The Superintendent (Technical) informed that the Commissionerate had received one agenda from Mangalore Customs House Agents Association and had read out the Agenda/Point. The same is replicated as below:

“As per CBLR 2018 and subsequent Public Notice issued by Commissioner of Customs, Mangalore, it is compulsory to become a member of the Local Association for ALL Custom Brokers operating at Mangalore - both Parent License as well as FORM - C registration. However, there are so many Custom Brokers who even after repeated requests are not

joined the MCHA Association. Therefore, we request the Commissioner of Customs to take up this issue and ensure all Custom Brokers to obey the CBLR 2018 as well as the Public Notice issued by the Commissioner of Customs.”

In this regard, the Chairperson instructed the Superintendent of Customs House Section to issue letters to the Custom Brokers who have not taken membership of Mangalore Custom House Association. Further, the Chairperson instructed that in future, Custom Brokers License may be issued only after getting the letter from Mangalore Customs Agents Association that the concerned Custom Broker has taken the membership of the Association. The Chairperson also instructed the Superintendents of Appraiser and Docks Section to check the status of the Customs Brokers who have not taken the membership of the Association.

5. Further, the Chairperson asked the trade about any other issues being faced by them. In response, Shri Philip C.C., President, Mangalore Customs House Agents Association raised the issue that the trade is facing a lot of trouble due to the erratic working of ICEGATE and both filing of Shipping Bills and Bills of Entry are getting delayed and in turn, the importers are forced to pay late filing charges as well as penal interest and clearance of cargo is getting affected and he requested the Chairperson to consider providing a general waiver of late filing charges or penal interest, as the case may be, which will be a consolation to the Trade.

6. In this regard, the Chairperson expressed that a blanket waiver cannot be provided. Waiver can be provided on case to case basis after submission of screenshot/ any other proof thereof.

7. In addition, Shri J Balakrishna Kottari, President of New Mangalore Port Users Association, raised the issue of 100% examination of containers of Cashew & Timber being imported by the regular importers. In this regard, the Chairperson requested Shri J Balakrishna Kottari to provide the data for analysis.

8. Further, the Chairperson enquired Shri Jagannath Naik M, Manager, Mangalore International Airport, about the status of operation of Air Cargo. In response, Shri Jagannath Naik M expressed that they are exploring the business opportunity in the area and are interacting with different stake holders. In response, the Chairperson expressed her willingness to conduct a meeting of officers of Mangalore International Airport with the concerned stakeholders so that business opportunities can be explored under the jurisdiction which will benefit the trade.

9. In addition, Shri Philip C.C. raised the issue that the trade is facing PQ linking issue, wherein, in many cases, CHAs have to visit the Deputy Commissioner for manually linking of PQ in which a lot of time is lost. The Chairperson requested the PQ officer to comment on the same. In this regard, PQ officer appraised that earlier the issue was persistent, however, now the situation is far better. Further, they are working on further reducing the time.

10. Further, Superintendent (Technical) requested the Chairperson to take a review of requirement of G-Card holders at Customs Station and conduct of G-Card examination in terms of Regulation 13 of CBLR, 2018. In this regard, the Superintendent (Customs House) informed the stakeholders that the Commissionerate is in the process of conducting G-Card examination in June 2024. In this regard, Shri Philip C.C added that due to some technical issues, applications of a few applicants have been rejected and requested the Chairperson to organize another exam in 2-3 months. In response, Superintendent (Customs House) informed that the next exam can only be organized after 6 months. The Chairperson agreed to the proposal and informed the members of PTFC meeting that the Commissionerate will organize another G-Card examination after 6 months.

11. This issues with the approval of the Chairperson.

(श्रीधर एस./ Sridhar S.)

सहायक आयुक्त / Assistant Commissioner

To

1. All the Members of PTFC.
2. Others as per mailing list.
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