

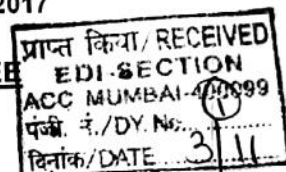


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**MINUTES OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 13.10.2017**



A meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-III was held in Conference Hall, Air Cargo Complex, Sahar on 13.10.2017 at 11:30 Hrs. under the Chairmanship of Shri Anantha S. Krishnan, Commissioner of Customs (Export), Mumbai Customs Zone-III.

2. The following officers and representatives from the Allied Agencies and other stakeholders participated in the meeting:

Name & designation of departmental attendees	Organization
Shri Raju Sakthivel, Addl. Commissioner (Export)	Customs, ACC
Shir Pawan Khetan, Jt. Commissioner (Import)	Customs, ACC
Shri Tapan Kumar, Jt. Commissioner (Export)	Customs, ACC
Shri Parag Singh, DC(PG)	Customs, ACC
Shri Kailash Vinayak Karkhile, AC(Import)	Customs, ACC
Shri M. C. Shaik, AC(Import)	Customs, ACC
Shri Prasath J., AC (Import)	Customs, ACC
Name of attendees from Allied Agencies	Organization
Kailash Meena	ADC
Sunil Kumar Singh	SBI
Ms. Sheetal Gupta	FSSAI
Manoj Singh, Cdr. Lokesh (Retd.), Mayilvanan T., Mohamed Nasir, Nandan Kanchan, Ashok Satavase	MIAL (Custodian)
Sanjeev Harale, Paresh R. Sangani, Ketan Desai, Dushyant Mulani	BCBA (formerly known as BCHAA)
Nitin Desai, Paresh Shah	WISA
Mohnish G. Charania, Vineet Agrawal	ACAAI

3. The Chairman welcomed all the members and started the meeting with introduction of all present for further discussions.

4. Points from the previous CCFC meetings which were taken up for discussion:

A. Textile Committee

In the previous CCFC Meeting, the representative of the Textile Committee had informed the House that they are starting a new laboratory at JNPT, Mumbai, and it will

be operational from the second week of January, 2017. Presence of dedicated laboratory at JNPT would reduce workload on their Mumbai laboratory, enabling catering to the needs of Air Cargo and Mumbai Customs Zone-I in timely and more efficient manner.

In the instant meeting, the ADC (Import) indicated that neither has any representative from the Textile Committee turned up for the meeting nor has an update been provided concerning starting the new laboratory at JNPT. He further stated that the samples of Air Cargo and JNPT are still being physically forwarded to the Mumbai laboratory. However, the online message exchange between ICES and Textile Committee is operational and reports are being received online, thereby reducing the concerns of the trade.

The Chairman voiced his concern over Textile Committee's inability in starting a new laboratory at JNPT, Mumbai. However he was reassured by the fact that the trade was not troubled on account of the same.

[Action: Textile Committee]

B. Assistant Drug Controller

In the previous CCFC Meeting, the representative of Assistant Drug Controller informed that they are in the process of starting a mini drug testing laboratory at Air Cargo Complex itself, for which they have got necessary approval from their Ministry. It was further stated that they have the necessary manpower to man the same and it will be operational in about one year's time.

In the instant meeting, the representative of MIAL informed that they have earmarked 2000 sq. feet area at Air Cargo Complex for the Assistant Drug Controller two and half years back. However this space is still underutilized.

The representative of ADC assured that the drug testing laboratory will be made operational in six months.

The Chairman expressed concern at the undue delay in starting of the mini drug testing laboratory at Air Cargo Complex and directed that the matter may be expedited and resolved on top priority.

[Action: Assistant Drug Controller]

C. Wild Life Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)

In the previous CCFC Meeting, the representative from the WCCB informed that they work at Air Cargo Complex for only three days in a week because they are struggling with shortage of staff. Further, they have taken up the matter for increasing the staff strength with their higher authorities and the same is under active consideration by their Ministry. The Chairman directed that this matter may be taken up in Central CCFC meeting.

In the instant meeting the representative from WCCB reiterated the position as intimated in the last meeting. Further, they informed that the issue of increase in staff strength has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance.

The Chairman requested the representatives of WCCB to pursue the matter with their higher authorities. He informed that it is in the National interest that the Export consignments are not delayed for any reason. He directed that the matter may also be highlighted in Central CCFC meeting.

[Action: WCCB & Customs]

D. Plant Quarantine (PQ)

In the previous CCFC Meeting, the Chairman requested the representatives of PQ to arrange a training session for Customs Officers for sensitizing them and ensuring enforcement of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 15 (ISPM 15) standards.

In the instant meeting, the Addl. Commissioner (I) indicated that no representative from the Plant Quarantine have turned up for the meeting. He further informed that a training programme/workshop for all the Dy./Asstt. Commissioner, Appraising Officers./Supdt. and Examiner/Preventive Officers was organized by the Plant Quarantine authorities on 31.01.2017 in MIAL Conference Hall, ACC.

The Commissioner of Customs (Export) suggested that the programme/workshop be arranged again, in view of the change in staff on account of transfer/posting.

[Action: RPQS/ JC(Import Shed)/ JC(Export Shed)]

5. New Points for discussion:

A. Supply Of Computers And Printers:-

In this context, it is informed only 25 computer system have been provided by MIAL till date, however remaining 55 computers systems with printers (Laser jet HP) are still awaited, which may kindly be provided to this office urgently

Further, the 25 printers provided by MIAL are not compatible with regular office work and the same has been brought to the notice of the MIAL and they had agreed to change and supply (Laser Jet HP) to this office. MIAL was, therefore, requested to take immediate step to change the printer and supply (Laser jet printer HP P1108 or other series) where 88A cartridge can be used.

B. Master Plan For Renovation Of Appraising Hall :-

Recently the MCD area and the Export Shed Area have been renovated by MIAL. Further master plan for renovation of appraising hall required to be received from MIAL same may please be intimated at the earliest. Also renovation work may be started urgently as the same has been informed to the Ministry regarding the project/activities planned by this office under the Swachh Abhiyan (Swachhta Action Plan). Since the Ministry and Chief Commissioner's office is monitoring the action, MIAL was requested to take immediate action to start the renovation of Appraising Hall urgently.

C. Providing Of 15 Photocopier Machines:-

As agreed by the Sr. Vice President, MIAL in the meeting held on 18.05.2017 in the chamber of Commissioner of Customs(Gen) for providing minimum 05 photocopier by the end of May 2017 however, till date no Photocopier machines has been provided by the MIAL. Therefore, it is requested to provide 08 photocopier at the earliest. Same may be provided at the earliest.

D. White Washing At Air Cargo Complex Viz. (I) Mazzanine Floor (II) 1st Floor:-

Government of India has initiated the task of Swachha Bharat Abhiyan to achieve the said aim, proper cleanliness is required to be maintained in the office areas by cleaning the office area regularly. Apart from cleaning the office area it needs to be kept tidy by "White Washing" at least once in every year. Hence it is requested to initiate the white washing of offices and compliance report may be submitted to this office so as to enable this office to inform the same to the competent authority.

E. Provision of 05 Vehicles And Transport Facility For Staff:-

Transport facilities from Metro Station to ACC and vice versa was requested taking into consideration the great hardship being faced by the staff while commuting to office and vice versa. Further, non-availability of proper transport for quite a long time, enforce of the erratic and excessive monsoon only aggravates the condition. Therefore, transport facility needs to be started in a more organized manner staging between 9.00 am to 10.30am morning and 5.30 pm to 07.00 pm evening. Earlier this point was also accepted by the Sr. Vice President, MIAL

F. Replacing Of Visiting Chairs:-

Visiting chairs in the cabins of Commissioner's office as well JC/ADC office required to be changed and wherever necessary sofa as well as office decorum required to be changed. Same may be initiated at the earliest.

G. Provision Of Infrastructure Facilities in Import Shed:

The Joint Commissioner of Customs, (Import Shed), ACC vide his letter dated 23.08.17 addressed to ADC(Gen) and copy to MIAL has drawn attention to the present scenario of Import Sheds, wherein, officers are working in a very deplorable state due to lack of basis infrastructure facilities. As a result, the work in import shed is getting hampered to a great extent. Therefore, the following amenities to Import Shed is required on urgent basis:-

1. Installation of at least 3 additional nodes with proper seating arrangement for three Examiners in Heavy shed.
2. Provision of two telephones/Intercom connectivity in import Shed.
3. Proper seating arrangement of 3 officers in Light Shed.
4. Provision of Wi-Fi for getting access to Net for seeking important information related to examination.

5. Provision of a system printer for scanning of important document Test Reports etc. at regular intervals.

The Sr. Vice President and Head(Cargo) of MIAL assured that necessary action will be taken to resolve the issue.

[Action(Point A to G): MIAL]

6. **Points raised by BCBA**

Representative of BCBA raised following points for discussion:

- A. They informed the house regarding very poor handling services at Air India Import and Export Sheds. Timely clearance of import cargo has been adversely affected at Air India Import and Export sheds due to non-traceability, non-availability of fork lift, lack of man-power/loaders, shortage of staff at the billing counters etc.

Air India representative informed that they are looking into the matter and steps are being taken to improve the position. The then Chairman Air India also visited the ACC and has approved the development programme.

[Action: Air India]

- B. They requested that official from Animal Quarantine, Wild Life Regional Office should be at ACC Mumbai for faster clearance of cargo.

The representative of Animal Quarantine informed that only one or two consignments come in a week and due to paucity of man power it is not feasible to depute special officer at ACC.

[Action: Animal Quarantine/WLRO]

- C. The BCBA representative requested for suitable plan for infrastructure development at ACC Mumbai. Considering the potential growth expected in the near future.

All the participants agreed with the proposal to develop the Air Cargo Complex so the no. 1 position is continued.

[Action: Air India/MIAL]

7. **Points raised by FSSAI**

In the instant meeting, representative of FSSAI raised following points for discussion:

- I. They submitted that in single window facility in case where NOC is not required at all for a Bill of Entry it is rejected online to the "Single Window". The CHA visits FSSAI office for obtaining manual remarks which duplicates the work leading to time wastage.

The Chairman requested the FSSAI to share the "Codes" and 'Interpretations' with customs shed officers so that the manual NOC is not sought by Customs or CHA.

[Action: FSSAI/ AC(Import Shed)]

- II. They informed that Courier Bills of Entry still are not received via single window.

The Chairman stated that the issue will be addressed to Commissioner of Customs, APSC for necessary action.

[Action: AC/PRO]

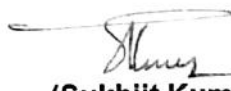
- III. They submitted that Single Window Exchange Bills of Entry show Product description, Bill of Entry number and the date sent to FSSAI portal in first stage, But they are not able to view 'End Use' of goods for taking correct action (i.e accept/reject) which leads to increase in dwell time.

The Chairman agreed with the point and stated that the issue will be raised with the DG (System).

[Action: AC/EDI]

8. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chairman.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (Export), Mumbai Customs Zone-III.


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