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**MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE  
(PTFC) MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> 07.2019 AT 16.00 HOURS IN CUSTOM  
HOUSE, VISAKHAPATNAM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

S/Shri/Smt

1	Dr. D.K.Srinivas	Principal Commissioner	Chairman
2	G. Shiril Saroj	Additional Commissioner	Member
3	N. Varun Koundinya	Deputy Commissioner	Member
4	C. Damodaran	Deputy Commissioner	Member
5	G. Dharmaraj	Deputy Commissioner	Member
6	Ms. P. Madhuree	Deputy Commissioner	Member
7	N.V. Ramdas	Deputy Commissioner	Member
8	G.V.S.R. Sarma	Assistant Commissioner	Member
9	T.E. Srikanth	Assistant Commissioner	Member
10	A. K. Majumdar	Assistant Commissioner	Member
11	Praveen Arora	Assistant Commissioner	Member
12	B. Ajay Kumar	Assistant Commissioner	Member

The following Trade Members / Custodians attended the meeting:

S/Shri

1	P. Babu Rao	President, Visakhapatnam CB
2	M. Venu Gopal	Secretary, Visakhapatnam CB
3	M.S. Jolly	Vice President, M/s. VCTPL
4	Capt. Amerindra Mishra	DGM, M/s. VCTPL
5	Bobby Lawrence	Secretary Visakhapatnam Container Lines Assn.
6	J. Sarma	Sr. Executive, Shiridi Sai shipping
7	Satish Vepuri	Dy. Manager, M/s. GSEC Ltd. (Air Cargo)
8	K.V. Sampath Kumar	Managing Director, Rich Mark Shipping
9	Ch. Venubabu	Manager, Sravan Shipping Services
10	M. Nageswara Rao	Manager, R&Y Logistics P Ltd.,
11	B. Mahapatra	Asst. Manager, Boxco Shipping Services
12	E Nageswara Rao	Manager, Avana Logistics

13	B V Eswara Chandra	Br.Incharge, ackens India P Ltd
14	D Nagesh,	Asst. Manager, CSL
15	A D Maheswar Rao	Manager, Jak Maritime & Logistics
16	U Jagedeswara Rao	Line Manager, Caravel Liner
17	G S Reddy	Manager, Sri Gowri
18	L Srinivasa Rao	Manager, Harika Shipping
19	A Surya Narayana	Director(CHB), Sai Prasunamba
20	G Varun Kumar	Director, Sravan Shipping Services
21	B V Suresh babu	General Manager, Seaways Shipping
22	Prakash Iyer	Diector(ANM), One Line (Steamer)
23	Capt. B Bhargava	DGM, J.M.Baxi & Co
24	Raju Biswas	Ops.Incharge, One Line Liner
25	M K Chaitanya	Ops.Exe, Seaways Shipping

1. At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the members attended and directed that the power point presentations on Time Release Study of Import / Export clearance and Public/Trade Notices issued in the recent three months be made.

2. Shri N. Varun Koundinya, Deputy Commissioner (EDI) made a power point presentation on Time Release Study on Import Clearance and Export Clearance at Visakhapatnam Seaport. The study was made for the three months period from April 2019 to June 2019. In addition to the analysis of all stages of import/export clearances, Dwell Time Report on Bills of Entry and Shipping Bills and status report on Direct Port Delivery were also presented.

3. The observations/directions made by the Chairman and discussions during the course of the presentation on Time Release Study are as under:

### 3.1 IMPORT CLEARANCE

The percentage of RMS facilitated bills where no assessment and no examination prescribed during the last three months decreased from 72.27% to 65.28. The cumulative percentage for registration of goods within 24 hrs of payment of duty was only 30.82% and within 72 hrs was 70.69%.

- The Chairman advised the Customs Brokers/importers to use online registration facility to expedite the registration immediately after payment of duty so as to reduce the average dwell time further.

### 3.2 DPD CONTAINERS

The percentage of DPD containers decreased to 7.87% in the month of June 2019 from 9.08% in the month of May 2019.



- Chairman stated that the % of DPD containers needs to be improved further and solicited co-operation from all the stakeholders.

*Action Owner: All stakeholders*

### 3.3 DRAWBACK

It was observed by the Chairman that during the month of May, for the stage from EGM - DBK sanction, the average time taken was 28.14 days which was abnormally high when compared with other months. He directed AC (DBK) to analyze reasons for delay and take measures to avoid such delay in future.

*Action Owner: AC (DRAWBACK)*

### **4. Action Taken Report on issues raised during the previous PTFC meeting**

During the previous PTFC meeting, the CB Association had raised a point regarding Sevottam section not receiving letters submitted to them directly. Instead, their members are asked to take consent from the concerned section head.

The Deputy Commissioner (Sevottam) informed that the staff posted at Sevottam section has been instructed to receive any letter submitted to them directly without insisting for the consent from the concerned section head.

The CB Association informed that the issued has since been resolved.

### **5. New points sponsored by the members of the Trade**

Later on the issues sponsored by the Custom Brokers Association were taken up for discussion.

5.1. **Waiver of penalty on late filing of Bill of Entry** : With regard to waiver of late filing penalty for the Bills of Entry due to technical failure at ICEGATE from 15th to 17th July & 22nd to 25th July, 2019, Additional Commissioner stated that all such cases brought to the notice of the Department were verified case by case and waiver was granted and issue is settled.

### **5.2 Drawback Shipping Bills stuck due to EGM errors**

With regard to issue of delay in receiving Drawback claims due to various errors, the Deputy Commissioner (EDI) presented a Power Point Presentation explaining the various error codes arising during the filing of EGM and clarified that removal of errors after filing of EGM is not an automatic process. The EGM error may be due to mismatch of container numbers, mismatch of number of containers pertaining to a particular Shipping Bill or in EGM itself, let export is taken after sailing of the vessel, type of cargo, and feeding of sailing report etc. Depending on the nature of error code, necessary amendments have to be carried out in the EGM/Shipping Bills by concerned liners / Steamer Agents / Custom House Agents / Exporters. A list of EGM error report will be sent to all the stakeholders with error codes, so that necessary action can be taken by them for the removal of errors. Where LEO was granted after sailing of the vessel, such cases will be taken up by the Customs and forceful error removal will be done.

Chairman suggested the members to educate the various stakeholders about the issues and coordination to reduce the EGM errors at various stages. During the course Chairman has directed the Assistant Commissioner (VCTPL) to verify manual entries on Shipping Bills / Check List to avoid EGM errors from 1st August to 7th August on sample basis.

Action Owner: AC  
(VCTPL)/ Customs/ CB/ Liner/ Exporter

5.3 With regard to issue regarding multiple queries are being raised by the Appraising Group while assessing of Bill of Entries, the Additional Commissioner informed that the cases of multiple queries were verified and such cases where more than one query raised are very rare or negligible. In remaining cases, he explained that queries raised due to non submission of relevant documents by the Custom Brokers/Importers.

Chairman directed the Deputy Commissioners (Group) that all queries are to be made specific and suggested to make use of the templates instead of raising query in general manner so that it can be easily understood by the stakeholders.

Action Owner: AC/DC (Group)

5.4 With regard to the issued that at Air Cargo Complex, the security personnel of the Custodian were insisting for the physical signatures of the Superintendent (P) on the OOC copy after Out of Charge of the goods, and are not allowing to take the cargo out, the Chairman directed the Assistant Commissioner (Airport) to look into the matter in consultation with the Custodian and resolve the same.

Action Owner: AC(Airport)/Custodian Airport

6. When Chairman asked the members on any other issue to be discussed on floor, the CB Association raised the issue of rates charged by the Terminal Operator VCTPL for movement of DPE export containers selected for examination of the export cargo inside VCTPL premises being very high. To this, DGM , VCTPL, replied that the rates referred by the Customs Brokers includes the Liner charges and the their rates are mentioned in the public domain and are equally applicable to all the stake holders.

7. The Customs Brokers Association stated that the procedure for re-export of bonded cargo in Visakhapatnam may be simplified in the lines of Mumbai Customs and referred Public Notice No. 78/2017 DATED 21.06.2017 issued by JNCH. Chairman informed that the issue has to be properly examined and directed AC (Bonds) to examine the issue .

Action Owner : AC (BONDS)



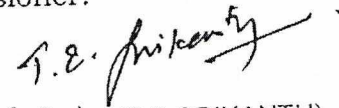
8. Deputy Commissioner(EDI) informed the members of the Committee that CBIC is conducting a Nationwide Time Release Study for Bill of Entries / Shipping Bills filed between the period from 1st August, 2019 to 7th August, 2019 (both days including) and Out of Charge/Let Export Order given before 7th September will be taken for the nationwide TRS and requested all the stakeholders to participate in the study by filling up the templates that would be mailed to all stakeholders.

Chairman requested all the stakeholders to give their feedback/inputs on the study being made and put more concerted efforts to reduce the dwell time further.

Action Owner: Customs/Customs Brokers/Liners/VCTPL

9. The meeting concluded with the Chairman thanking all the members.

10. This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner.



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**To**

All Members, Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee  
Custom House, Visakhapatnam – by E Mail.

**Copy submitted for information to:**

The Chief Commissioner of Central Tax & Customs, Visakhapatnam Zone.

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1. Supdt (EDI) - with a request to upload in Custom House website.
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