

F.No:08/CCFC/2016-ICD

Dated -: .04.2018.

**MINUTES OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 24.03.2018 AT 11:30 HRS AT
INLAND CONTAINER DEPOT, MARRIPALEM**

MINUTES OF MEETING

The 5th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was convened on 24.03.2018 at 11:30 Hrs in the Conference hall of Inland Container Depot located at Guntur Container Terminal of Marripalem, under the Chairpersonship of the Commissioner of Customs, Smt. Sudha Koka, I.R.S., Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada. The following members have attended.

Sl. No.	Name and Designation Smt./Shri.	Department / Agency Represented
1.	Sudha Koka, Commissioner of Customs	Chairperson
2.	M.Sreekanth, Deputy Commissioner	Customs, ICD
3.	Vishwa B Joshi, Field Officer	Spices Board, Guntur
4.	Kalyani Boddu, Field Officer	Spices Board, Guntur
5.	Sudeep Jose, Ag. Demonstrator	Spices Board, Guntur

The Following Stake Holders / Exporters are co-opted:

Sl. No.	Name and Designation S/Shri.	Department represented
1	V. Sandeep Kumar, Manager	LIPL and LFPL
2	Pat Sevel, Manager	LIPL
3	R. S. V. R. Murthy, Manager	ITC Ltd., Guntur
4	V. Sambaiah, COO-India	Spads Red Fields Exim P Ltd

The following Departmental officers were also present:

Sl. No.	Name and Designation S/Shri.	Department represented
1.	I. V. Ramana Rao, Superintendent	Customs, ICD
2.	G. Seetha Ramaiah, Superintendent	Customs, ICD
3.	S. Ashok, Inspector	Customs, ICD
4.	V. Sriram, Inspector	Customs, ICD
5.	B. G. Naveen Kumar, DBA L-3	NIC

Dr. K. Ravi, PPO, Plant Quarantine Department had informed his unavailability due to pre-scheduled inspection to be attended at Kakinada. From DGFT, The State Bank of India, Treasury Branch, Guntur, Cotton Corporation of India, Guntur and Tobacco Board, Guntur no representative attended the Meeting.

Part-A: Review of the points of the previous meetings:

2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members and reviewed the previous minutes of the meeting held on 22.03.2017, 14.07.2017, 01.11.2017.

CCFC meeting held on 22.03.2017:

Para No. 9: Sensitization of exporters about procedures of Spices Board

As per the direction of the Chairperson, a training program on the procedure of step-by-step online process by formulating a standard operating procedure (SOP) to sensitize the exporters of spices had been arranged and was held on 13.11.2017 at 11.00 hrs at ICD, Marrisipalem by Dr. Sreekanthan Thampi, Deputy Director of Spices Board, Guntur and accordingly the para has been considered for closure.

CCFC meeting held on 14.07.2017

Para 3:

As instructions from RBI were furnished in this regard, the para has been treated as closed.

Para 6:EGM filing

The Chairperson directed that the Custodian should pay attention to entry of the Port Code and Container Number by the Service Centre personnel while feeding data at the time of closing the land EGMs in order to facilitate the Gateway EGM to be closed error free. The Chairperson asked Shri Sandeep, Manager, M/s.Leaap International Pvt Ltd., regarding the stage of integration of the Truck Summary with the ICEGATE. Shri Sandeep replied that the same has not yet been integrated with ICEGATE. The Chairperson directed the Custodian to submit a detailed representation in this regard so that the matter can be taken up with DG, Systems.

Action: Dy. Commissioner, ICD and LIPL

CCFC meeting held on 01.11.2017:

Para 1: Gateway EGM

The Chairperson explained in detail about the error/response codes SB000 to SB006 returned by the system while filing Gateway EGMs and specifically mentioned that a Public Notice No.11/2018-Customs dated 15.03.2018 has been issued wherein guidelines have been issued to the exporters regarding the steps to be taken by them to get their IGST refund sanctioned in case of errors of SB005, i.e, invoice mis-match and SB006, i.e., Gateway EGM not available. The Chairperson stated that the exporters may check the status of their refund claims at ICEGATE and approach the Customs Officers for rectification of any errors for speedy disbursement of IGST refund. The Chairperson directed that the person keying the data in Service Centre should pay attention in entering the Port Code, container number and no. of containers while filing the EGM. Further, the Chairperson directed that the Shipping Liners may be directed to file/close the Gateway EGMs quickly and if any of them are pending in errors, supplementary EGMs may be filed immediately.

Action: LIPL & other CHAs: Follow Up: Dy. Commissioner, ICD

Part – B : New points :

3. The Chairperson then took up the issue of export of Dried Chillies. Towards the goal of Export of pest free spices, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Directorate of

Plant Quarantine had issued a Circular No.115-9/2016-PQD(pt-I) dated 30th November 2017 deciding to implement a Standard Operating Procedure for export of Dried Chillis and directed that all the exporters of this Commodity shall get their Dried Chili Warehouses registered with DPPQS by 31.12.2017 and later, vide letter in No.18-21/2017-PP.II dated 20.12.2017, extended the date to 31.03.2018. Accordingly, Chilli exports will be allowed only from the warehouses which are registered with the Plant Quarantine Stations by 31.03.2018. It is informed that the inspection of the warehouses for registration will be done by the PQ department in co-ordination with the Spices Board. It is further informed that approximately 20% of the available warehouses have been inspected and recommended for getting the registration for export purpose by the PQ department. The Chairperson enquired with the representatives from the Spices Board regarding the inspections being undertaken. It is informed by Shri Vishwa B Joshi, Filed Officer, Spices Board that they, in co-ordination with PQ department, are undertaking the inspections. The Chairperson suggested that a Work Shop, on the Standard Operating Procedures required to be undertaken by the Dried Chilli exporters for getting their warehouses registered for export purpose, be conducted by the PQ department in co-operation with the Spices Board during the month of April 2018.

Action: PQ Department/Spices Board: Follow Up: Dy. Commissioner, ICD

4. Before concluding the CCFC meeting, the Commissioner had asked the members to present their queries / suggestions / grievances if any, for betterment of the Customs procedures and for ease of doing business.

5. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner.

M.S. 17.4.18

(M.SREEKANTH)

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

To
The Chairperson/Secretary, Tobacco Board, Guntur
The Deputy Director, Spices Board, Guntur
The FTDO, JDGFT, Vijayawada.
The Assistant Director of Agriculture, Guntur / PQ Officer, CPQ, ICD
The Branch Manager, Cotton Corporation of India, Guntur
The Chief Manager, Treasury Branch of State Bank of India, Guntur
The Manager, M/s ITC Limited, Guntur
The Custodian, Guntur Container Terminal, ICD.

The Branch Manager / Manager of Guntur Container Terminal, ICD, MARRIPALEM.
M/s Leap Forwarders Pvt. Ltd.,
M/s M.Sherif & Sons Pvt. Ltd.,
M/s Sakku Spinning Mills Ltd.,
M/s Nukala Rama Koteswara Rao Textiles Pvt. Ltd
M/s Polisetty Somasundaram
M/s Spads Red Fields Exim Pvt. Ltd.,

The Notice Board.

Copy submitted to the Commissioner of Customs, Customs Preventive Commissionerate, Vijayawada, for kind information.

Copy to the Assistant Commissioner (Comp), Customs Preventive Commissionerate, Hqrs. Office, Vijayawada, for posting on CPC VJA Website.

Copy submitted to:

The Chief Commissioner of Customs & Central Tax, Vizag Zone, GST Bhavan, Port Area, Visakhapatnam for information.