

Minutes of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) and Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) Meeting held on 22.05.2024 at 11:00 AM with all the Stake holders of Customs Commissionerate (Preventive) Vijayawada under the Chairmanship of Sri. CH. Venkaiah Chowdary, I.R.S., Commissioner of Customs, Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada.

Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee and Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee Meeting with the stake holders of this Commissionerate was held at 11.00 AM on 22.05.2024 at Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, Stalin Corporate, Headquarters, CC(P) Vijayawada.

The meeting was chaired by Sri CH. Venkaiah Chowdary, I.R.S., Commissioner of Customs, Customs Commissionerate (Preventive), Vijayawada.

The following officers and representatives of various stake holders attended the meeting.

1. Shri.Anish Muraleedharan, Additional Commissioner of Customs, KPCH.
2. Smt Sowmya Nuthalapti , Additional Commissioner of Customs, Hqrs.
3. Shri Dyamappa Airani , Joint Commissioner of Customs, KKDCH.
4. Shri C. Vijay Bhaskar, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, KPCH.
5. Shri Kishore Kumar, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, KPCH.
6. Shri Abdul Azeem, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, KKDCH
7. Shri Mittapalli Srinivas, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, KKDCH
8. Smt. Satyadevi, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ICD Mairipalem
9. Shri M. Bhanuprakash, Manager, Ms. KPCL.
10. Shri Srinivas, Ms. Gemini Edibles.
11. Shri Kasi Viswanath, Ms. Santoshimatha
12. Shri Bennicio, Ms. Vedanta Ltd.
13. Ms. Priya Sharma, Ms. Cotton Yarn Excel Enterprise
14. Other stakeholders

At the outset, The Chairman welcomed all the PTFC/CCFC members and departmental officers present in the meeting. The following points were raised by the Stakeholders.

1. Request for bulk export of fly ash :

The representative of Ms. AKPL on behalf of Ms. Jaycee Buildcorp LLP has requested the Commissioner to allow the export of fly ash in bulk as they are now exporting in bags and then these bags be moved on to the vessel. It is further stated that a Public Notice 07/2017 dt. 12.04.2017 was issued for procedures of export of bulk/bagged cargo through Krishnapatnam port, Nellore only to the Five Commodities i.e. (i) Cement (ii) Rice (iii) Maize (iv) Chillies (v) Coco pith. Hence, they are requesting to add fly ash to the list of commodities so that they can directly load the cargo from the port/ berth to the vessel by use of compressors and pipelines.

The commissioner has directed ADC, KPCH to examine the issue and report.

Action: ADC, KPCH

2. Testing of composite samples of edible oils at CRCL labs, Vizag:

The representatives from Ms. Gemini Edible Oils, KKD Port and Ms. Santoshimatha Edible Oils have the stated that the sample of imported edible oils is now being sent to CRCL lab at Visakhapatnam as per the Board's Instruction. However, the report from the CRCL lab is being received only after 5-7 days as opposed to the 3 day time when the composite sample testing was being done at the FSSAI lab, JNTUK. Hence, the importer has requested the Commissioner to allow them to get the composite samples tested at JNTUK.

The Commissioner has directed to verify the procedure followed at other ports in this regard and report back whether FSSAI labs be designated as testing lab when the Commissionerate's jurisdiction is marked to CRCL lab, Vizag.

Action: JC, Kakinada CH

3. Iron Ore export by a Manufacturer Exporter – Requirement of BG :

The representative from Ms. Vendanta Ltd., KP Port has re-iterated his concern over submitting 100% BG for export of Iron ore. The same issue was discussed in the PTFC/CCFC meeting held on 26.02.2024 and the ADC, KPCH has submitted the report that this particular exporter is not eligible for waiver of BG. It has been

approved by the Commissioner and the same was already intimated to the exporter. Commissioner has directed ADC KPCH to verify whether the compliance history at other ports be relied upon in this regard.

Action: ADC KPCH

4. Extension of validity of Customs Broker Licence and Custodianship:

The representative of Ms. Leap Forwarders Private Limited, ICD Maripalem, has requested the Commissioner to accept their application for extension of Customs Broker Licence validity for lifetime in terms of Notification No. 62/2021-Cus(NT) dtd. 23.07.2021. They have also requested to accept their application for extension of Custodianship of ICD marripalem which is valid upto 2027, for further 5 years upto 2032 owing to their AEO status. It was informed by the TFC section that **CB extension is already granted on 15.05.2024 and hence no action pending from their side. With respect to custodian license Commissioner has directed to put up the issue on file.**

Action: Technical I section

5. Issue of extension of Steamer Agent Licence to operate from Kakinada Port:

The representative from Ms. JM Baxi, steamer agent licensee has requested for extension of Steamer Agent Licence to Kakinada Port and application has been submitted to Kakinada Custom House. It was informed by the **Technical I** section that **the concerned application is yet to be received from Kakinada Custom House and will be processed once received.**

Action: JC, Kakinada CH

6. Request for return of Bank Deposit executed by Steamer Agent:

The representative of Kakinada Steamer Agent Association has requested for return of Rs. 1 Lakh Deposit as he is already a registered Steamer Agent prior to introduction of SCMTR, 2018.

However, Superintendent (Technical) has informed the Steamer Agnet that it is mandatory for all existing and new licencees to execute BG for Rs. 5 Lakh under the SCMTR, 2018.

Action: No action required

7. Pending applications of Duty Drawback: The representative of Ms. Cotton Yarn Excel Enterprise, Ludhiana has requested the Commissioner that their application for duty drawback in respect of 4 shipping bills has been pending with ICD Marripalem since December 2023. However, the AC, ICD Marripalem has informed that all the Shipping Bills have been cleared and handed over to the bank in Jan 2024. The commissioner has directed the exporter to contact the AC, ICD Marripalem for any further clarification.

Action: AC, ICD Marripalem

Since no other points were raised, the Chairperson concluded the meeting by thanking all the stakeholders.

**(SOWMYA NUTHALAPATI)
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER**

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All Stakeholders of CCFC/PTFC
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