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**Minutes of the Workshop on National Trade Facilitation Action
Plan held on 18.01.2018**

The 3rd workshop on **National Trade Facilitation Action Plan** was held on 18.01.2018 at 14:30 Hrs. in the Conference Hall of CONCOR Building, P.O. Container Depot, Greater Noida. The meeting was presided over by Shri G. K. Dixit, Commissioner of Customs, Noida. The following officers of the department and representatives of various stakeholders in trade facilitation attended the meeting:

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer (S/Shri/Smt.)	Designation
1	Nitesh Srivastava	Nodal Officer / Additional Commissioner, ICD Dadri
2	Birendra Singh	Joint Commissioner
3	T. Manjunath	Deputy Commissioner, ICD Dadri
4	Manbir Singh	Assistant Commissioner, ICD, Dadri
5	Chintan Raghuvanshi	Assistant Commissioner, ICD, Dadri
6	Satyapal Balmiki	Assistant Commissioner, ICD, Dadri
7	C. L. Meena	Assistant Commissioner, ICD, Dadri
8	Hanuman Prasad	Appraiser, ICD Dadri
10	J. P. Singh	Appraiser, ICD Dadri
11	Praveen Srivastava	Appraiser, ICD Dadri
12	J. P. Singh	Superintendent, (Tech./Stat) ICD Dadri

REPRESENTATIVES OF STAKEHOLDERS:

S. No.	Name (S/Shri)	Organization
1	Devendra S. Bhadoria	DCCAA
2	Col. S. K. Pande (Retd.)	M/s Albatross Pvt. Ltd.
3	I. Moses	M/s World Window Infratech & Logistics Park
4	Sonu Agrawal	M/s All Cargo Logistics Park
5	Arvind Mishra	M/s CMA CGM Pvt. Ltd.
6	Jeevan Singh	M/s Star Track Terminal
7	Ashish Sharma	M/s Maersk Shipping Line
8	Rahul Aswal	NIC
9	Alok Mohanta	M/s N G Pillai (CB)
10	Avtar Singh	M/s ICC (CB)
11	Bharat Malik	M/s Image Cargo (CB)
12	Kamal Singh	M/s PIL Shipping Line
13	Dileep Singh	M/s Samsung India Electronics
14	Depashish Ganguly	M/s Samsung India Electronics
15	Praveen Sharma	M/s SB Freight Logistics
16	Narender Singh	M/s Impex Linkers
17	K. K. Sharma	M/s OVS Agencies
18	Harish Chandra Singh	M/s Shubhra Logistics

2. At the outset, the Commissioner welcomed all the attendees present at the meeting and wholeheartedly appreciated the presence of the representatives from Shipping Lines, NIC, Customs Brokers, and Custodians of all CFSs of Noida Customs.

3. Sequence of Events:

I. Revised Jurisdiction of NOIDA Customs:

The Commissioner informed the meeting that after issuance of Trade Notices Nos. 36/2017 dated 20.11.2017 and 02/2018 dated 12.01.2018 (issued by the NOIDA Customs Commissionerate), the jurisdiction of the Commissionerate had expanded w. e. f. 15.01.2018 to cover the whole of the state of Uttarakhand and western U. P. covering territorial jurisdiction of CGST Commissionerates of Dehradun, Meerut, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar. The Commissioner requested the attendees to inform the contents of the Trade Notices to all the associate members as well as stakeholders including Exporters/Importers for dissemination of information so that their grievances if any could be taken up by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner also elaborated upon the details of Public Notice to be issued by the office of Chief Commissioner, Meerut Zone, Meerut regarding works so far attended by Central Excise/GST officials and further to be attended by the Customs in the newly created jurisdiction. Commissioner also informed about sufficient availability of e-seals for export consignments and asked members of various stakeholders to make the exporters of Uttarakhand and other hinterland areas aware about e-seals procedure which is to be implemented from 01.04.2018.

II. Imposition of Penalty Under Section 117 of Customs Act, 1962 for the cases of Amendment in Customs Documents:- Penalty is being imposed under section 117 of Customs Act, 1962 in cases of amendments required in customs documents. However, the amendment charges have been prescribed by the Board vide Notification No. 36/2017 Cus (N.T.) dated 11.04.2017. The issue regarding waiver of aforesaid penalty under Section 117 ibid was discussed. The Commissioner expressed the view that the penalty should be discussed on a case to case basis and if the mistake in customs documents is un-intentional, penalty may be waived off. Amendment charges prescribed vide Notification No. 36/2017-Cus (N.T.) covers the cost for services provided by the department for violation of different provisions of Act. However, imposition of penalty may be reduced/waived off depending upon the merit of case.

III. Refund of IGST:- Chair informed the meeting that after imposition of GST refund amount of Rs. 10.36 crores has been disbursed by the Commissionerate till date. During the past one month certain steps had been taken regarding removal of errors in the process of disbursement of refunds. Two officers were deputed to PIPAVAV & Mundra Ports to ensure EGM filing at these Gateway ports. The shipping lines had informed that during the processing of refund claims, wrong port codes have been entered by custodians. Shipping lines have been requested to get the EGMs amended so that refund claims may be processed for early disbursement. Commissioner also informed that he himself visited the GSTN office to discuss the issue of early amendment of GSTR, which were earlier wrongly filed on the basis of PAN/AADHAR in July, 2017. The chair assured the meeting that amendments in the GSTR regarding EGMs and shipping bills will be permitted as soon as request for amendment is filed.

IV. Signature of Customs Officer on Let Export order:- Issue regarding doing away with the validation of signing by Customs officer on LEO was discussed. It was informed by the Chair that the issue was under consideration through consultation with other ports.

V. Electronic seals reader should be universal:- At present, various vendors had provided their own electronic readers of E-seals at ports for reading their electronic seals, which was clearly inconvenient to exporters. Point was appreciated by the chair. The issue of provision of installation of universal reader at the port being a policy matter was decided to be brought to the notice of the Board.

VI. Working of ICES:- Members attending the meeting represented that repeated interruption of net connectivity hampered the work of ICES. Commissioner enquired about maintenance of the chart for recording frequent interruption of Net Connectivity during the last one month and decided to hold a meeting with NIC (Network Interface Connection) representatives & Shri B. B. Singh, Superintendent (Systems). It was also reiterated that NIC representative should be present in every meeting of NTFAP (National Trade Facilitation Action Plan).

Shri Birendra Singh, Joint Commissioner, ICD Loni informed the meeting that radio connectivity from TATA Communication Services at ICD Loni is likely to be available by 31st January, 2018 to solve the net connectivity problem.

Towards the end of the meeting, participating stakeholders put forth various issues for their redressal by the Chair as mentioned below:-

(a) Un-matching of name and nature of commodity in EGM:- The issue raised by Shri Kamal Singh of M/s PIL Shipping lines. The Chair immediately asked Superintendent (Systems) to take up the issue for its redressal.

(b) EGMs are filed too late after issuance of LEO:- On this issue, the Chair directed for filing of EGM within 24 Hrs of issuance of LEO. It came to notice that due to delayed rail out, goods are stuffed late which was causing delay in filling of EGMs. The Chair informed that the issue of delayed filing of EGMs, due to rail out etc problems would be taken up first, in the next meeting, keeping in view the NTFFA (National Trade Facilitation Action Plan) & its time line norms prescribed therein. In this regard, the Chair informed that he will take up the matter with custodians separately.

(c) Issue of Name of consignee in IGM:- Member representing the Customs Brokers raised the issue of 1.5 version of EDI where name of consignee is not noticed in IGM. It was also stated that the Bill of Entry is filed on the basis of photocopy and not on the basis of actual documents. Chair assured to take up this issue with the Board.

4. Schedule of next meeting:-

The next meeting was agreed to be scheduled for **15.02.2018 at 14:30 Hrs.** in the Conference Hall of the Commissionerate.

The meeting/workshop ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. It was requested by the Chair that all stakeholders should work in a cooperative way for sincerely achieving the objectives of the National Trade Facilitation Action Plan within the timeline prescribed so as to provide ease of doing business in the country in its real sense.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, Noida.


(Satyapal Balmiki) 06/02/18

Assistant Commissioner (Customs)

C.No. VIII(30)Cus/Noida/Tech/NTFAP/119/2017

Dated: .01.2018

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