MINUTES OF PTFC MEETING HELD ON 28.04.2020

A meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) was held on 28.04.2020 at 1500 Hours via Video Conferencing. The focus of the meeting was to deal effectively with the pandemic of COVID-19 by following social distancing norms and sanitization as well as achieving expeditious clearance of import consignments with effective coordination of Participating Government Agencies and other stakeholders. The meeting was chaired by Shri Upender Gupta, Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC (Import). The following members were present in the meeting:-

(i) Sh. Nagendra Yadav, Additional Commissioner
(ii) Sh. Debjit Banerjee, Joint Commissioner
(iii) Sh. Bhagwat Sharma, Joint Commissioner
(iv) Sh. Nitin Kuraien, Deputy Commissioner
(v) Sh. Anuj Sharma, Assistant Commissioner
(vi) Sh. Dinesh Chandra Rajak, PQ
(vii) Sh. A Pragathee, WCCB
(viii) Sh. Venkatesan, AQCS
(ix) Sh. Santosh Kumar Choudhary, DCBA
(x) Sh. Rama Krishna, DCBA
(xi) Sh. Bhim Singh Jain, DCBA
(xii) Sh. Rattan Pal, DCBA
(xiii) Sh. Bharat Bisht, DCSC
(xiv) Sh. Vinay Sharma, CELEBI
(xv) Sh. Tarun Sabharwal, DIAL
(xvi) Sh. Surender Bhardwaj, DCSC
(xvii) Sh. Krishan Kumar, DCSC
(xviii) Sh. Yogesh Sharma, DCBA
(xix) Sh. Varun Manhas, CELEBI
(xx) Sh. Rohit Kapoor, DCBA

2. The Principal Commissioner welcomed all the members and emphasized that concentrated and coordinated steps to be taken by all the stakeholders to take all precautionary measures as per prescribed norms to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic.
The following points were taken up for discussion:-

(i) DCBA has stated that M/s CELEBI takes express charges for priority segregation of imported goods. They requested that they should not levy any such charges in case of priority segregation of COVID-19 related goods. In this regard, M/s DCSC has informed that they are not taking any express charges for priority segregation of COVID-19 related imported goods. The Chair asked representative of M/s CELEBI to take up this matter with their management for exemption from such charges in respect of COVID-19 related cargo.

   Action: (DIAL/CELEBI)

(ii) DCBA has raised issue of insufficient arrangement on the part of Custodians in comparison to sanitisation arrangement made by Custodians of Chennai, Mumbai, Bengaluru. They stated that in these locations, all vehicles going inside the Custodian premises are being sanitised, which is not being done in Delhi. In this regard, Chair has directed the Custodians to take all necessary measures as per prescribed guidelines to ensure proper sanitisation. The Chair has asked all the participants including DCBA to follow prescribed guidelines as regard the social distancing and sanitisation to prevent spread of COVID-19.

   (Action: DCBA, DIAL/CELEBI/DCSC)

(iii) The Chair has requested all the PGAs to on 24×7 basis to ensure round the clock smooth and speedy clearance of COVID related goods.

   (Action: All PGAs)

(iv) DCBA has stated that Office of Drug Controller, Ghaziabad is insisting for submission of original documents in respect of goods imported for dual use purpose, which direction can not be complied with on account of ongoing lockdown. They requested the Drug Controller Authority, Ghaziabad to grant NOC on the basis of scanned copies of documents. In this regard, Chair has asked DCBA to give a detailed representation so that matter may be taken up with them to accept scanned copies of the documents in place of original documents due to ongoing Lockdown.

   (Action: DCBA)

(v) Chair has invited attention of DCBA to Public Notice No. 23/2014-Customs dated 21.02.2014 and Public Notice No. 26/2014 - Customs dated 25.03.2014 relating to the procedure for clearance to Kutchha Bill of Entry at Air Cargo Complex, Import. DCBA was informed that the said Public Notices shall be enforced from 11.05.2020. They have been asked that if they have any problem relating to compliance of said Public Notices, they may brought the same to the notice of this office by 04.05.2020.

   (Action: DCBA)
The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Nagendra Yadav)
Additional Commissioner of Customs (Technical)
ACC-Import

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10. The CEO, CELEBI, Import-Shed, Cargo Terminal, New Delhi.
11. The General Manager, DCSC, Cargo Terminal, New Delhi.
12. The General Manager (Cargo), DIAL, New Udan Bhawan, Near Terminal-3, IGI Airport, New Delhi.

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