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**MINUTES OF THE OPEN HOUSE/TRADE FACILITATION MEETING HELD ON  
04.03.2015 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMISSIONER OF  
CUSTOMS, CUSTOMS PREVENTIVE COMMISSIONERATE: VIJAYAWADA AT  
KAKINADA**

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The Open House Trade facilitation meeting of Kakinada Custom House was held on 04.3.2015 under the Chairmanship of Shri S.K. Rahman, Commissioner, CPC, Vijayawada at Kakinada. The following Officers and representatives from Trade attended the meeting:

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1. M.Sreekanth, Dy.Commissioner,
  2. V.Sreenivasa Rao, Assistant Commissioner,
  3. Lt.Genl.(Retd.) A.S.Rao, CEO,M/s. Kakinada Sea Ports Ltd.
  4. D.Surya Rao, Chairman, and representatives of the Cooanda Chamber of Commerce, Kakinada
  5. M.Satyanarayana , President and representatives of the Kakinada Customs Brokers Association, Kakinada.
  6. T. Ramachandra Rao, Vice-Chairman and representatives of the Kakinada Steamer Agents Association, Kakinada
  7. G.Chandra Sekhar, President and representatives of Kakinada Stevedores's Association,Kakinada.
  8. Some of the Major Importers and Exporters of Kakinada
2. At the outset the meeting commenced with the review of action taken on the points raised during the earlier meeting held on 05.02.2015.
- i) **Point No .1 ,3 & 6 :** Regarding the operation of Steamer Agency License, it is informed that the Agents are allowed to operate from Krishnapatnam Port also by submitting a simple application addressed to the Commissioner, CPC, Vijayawada through Dy.Commissioner, Kakinada Custom House, Kakinada and its validity period and regarding acceptance of FDRs duly renewed by the Banks .

It is informed that a suitable Public Notice would be issued shortly streamlining the procedure of Registration for Shipping /Steamer Agents . The amount of solvency required , the period of validity of Licence and for the fresh registrations , the quantum of Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) amount required would be indicated keeping uniform practice for both the Custom House within Customs Preventive Commissionerate . It is once again reiterated that for the Shipping/Steamer Agents already registered at one Port would be considered for operating at other custom formations within Customs Preventive Commissionerate , on a proper application addressed to the Customs Preventive Commissionerate , Vijayawada sent through the respective Custom Houses with their comments and specific recommendation .

For this purpose , a data base is required to be built up at all the Customs formations giving details of the existing Shipping /Steamer Agents who were registered in the erstwhile Visakhapatnam -II Commissionerate and Guntur Commissionerate . The details should clearly show about the validity of licence and FDR . Similar exercise may also be taken up in the case of Customs Brokers also

For this purpose , the Kakinada Customs Brokers Association , Shipping Agents Association and Stevedores Association may collect requisite data from the existing active Customs Brokers/ Shipping Agents and submit to the respective customs formations for consolidation at Hqrs, Customs Preventive Commissionerate , Vijayawada

**Point No. 7 :** Re-notification of two jetties at Rake hall which were de-notified during 2008 .

It is informed that the re-notification of the said two jetties can be considered only when security measures like construction of wall and provision of 24 hours security etc. are taken up.

**Point No. 9 :** Conducting of training for the officers and also seminars with the Trade.

The departmental officers have been asked to chalk out a schedule for conducting training of the officers during April, 2015 and also fix the schedule for organizing seminar in association with the Trade.

3. The following fresh points were discussed during the current meeting:

**Point No.1:** Creation of a data base for all the active as well as dormant CBLR Licensees and Steamer Agent Licensees.

Reply: The departmental Officers have been directed to get the above work done in coordination with the trade representatives at the earliest.

**Point No.2:** All the IGMs/EGMs are required to be processed through ICEGATE.

Reply: The Trade representatives were asked to process their entries of IGMs/EGMs through ICEGATE and compliance of the same may be informed to the department. Action may be initiated by the end of March and completed by the end of April,2015.

**Point No.3:** The Steamer Agents have again requested the Chairman for exemption from rummaging twice at the Deepwater Port as well as at Anchorage Port. The Steamer Agents have stated that they have agreed to file the entry documents at the time of entry to Deepwater Port as well as at Anchorage Port. However, they have requested for exemption from rummaging for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

Reply: It was informed that the Rummaging is not being conducted twice for any vessel except for specific intelligence. In case vessel after discharge goes back into deep sea for any other purpose, then on its re-entry, the Rummaging would be done afresh. Generally Officers may board the same vessel twice, initially for granting entry inward under section 31 and for entry outward under section 39 of Customs Act, 1962, when the same vessel is operating for Import at Deep Water Port and for Export at Anchorage Port and vice versa. However, boarding twice will be decided after taking into consideration of all the aspects like Rotation No., change of Crew on board, entry timings etc.

In this regard, the officers have been directed to workout a SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) so that the trade is facilitated in increasing the number of vessels. The SOP may cover few issues discussed in the earlier meeting held on 05-02-2015

**Point No.4:** The President of CHA Association requested for the provision of UPS and continues working of EDI system for processing of the Shipping Bills at Jawahar Ghatty Office.

Reply: It is informed that the issue will be taken up immediately after getting sanction of the funds for the said project.

  
(M. SREEKANTH)  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

To

The Coconada Chamber of Commerce, Kakinada.

All the associations of Custom Brokers/ Stakeholders/ Stevedores Association who participated in the meeting.

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