



**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
CUSTOM HOUSE :: PORT AREA :: KAKINADA**

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Minutes of the Open House meeting held on 09.9.2015 under the Chairmanship of the Commissioner of Customs, CPC, Vijayawada, at Kakinada Custom House, Kakinada.

The Open House meeting was held on 09.9.2015 under the Chairmanship of the Commissioner of Customs, CPC, Vijayawada, at Kakinada Custom House, Kakinada. Sri M. Rammohan Rao, Joint Commissioner, Sri V. Sreenivasa Rao, Assistant Commissioner and Sri .B.K. Singh, Assistant Commissioner and the following members of the trade attended the meeting.

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1. Lt. Gen. Rtd. A.S.Rao, CEO of KSPL
2. Sri K.V.S. Sitaram, Secretary, Kakinada Steamer Agents Association
3. Sri M.Satyannarayana, President, Customs Brokers Association
4. Sri Sreeram Bhagwati, General Secretary, Customs Brokers Association and Executive member in the federation of Freight Forwarders Association Of India.
5. Sri S.K.Parida, AGM, Orissa Stevedors Ltd.

The meeting commenced with the review of the points discussed in the earlier meeting.

Part A: Review of the points of the previous meeting (From 05/02/2015 to 05/08/2015)

1. Acceptance of self declaration and Issue of Public Notice in connection with the export of rice from anchorage port:

The Chairman has observed that the issue is being carried on for the last three months and is being finalised in this meeting. Regarding the request for waiver of bond it has been resolved that a self declaration, as per the draft enclosed to the Public Notice proposed to be issued, will be taken from the exporter on their letter head. Also a few modifications to the fresh Public Notice proposed to be issued have been finalised in the meeting.

Action: D.C. to send a draft of the Public Notice to Hqrs. along with self declaration annexed to the Public Notice after informing the trade.

Part B: New points raised by the trade on 09.9.2015

2. The trade has informed that the validity of licence issued for private bonded warehouse is three years in Krishnapatnam and one year in Kakinada. They requested that it may be made uniform across the Customs Preventive Commissionerate. The chairman has

observed that if the warehouses are taken on lease, then the validity of the licence will be co-terminus with the lease period. The chairman has informed the house that in terms of section 58 of the Customs Act, Deputy Commissioner is the proper officer and he will take appropriate decision on a case to case basis. The point raised may be treated as closed.

3. The representatives of the Customs Brokers Association and Steamer agents association have requested the house to return the old FDRs furnished as they have submitted new FDRs for renewal of the licence. The chairman has directed the Supdt.(Tech.)-II to immediately return the old FDRs after verifying the files where the licences have been renewed by coordinating with the Hqrs. Office. The chairman further directed that issuing of new licences and renewals should be rooted through Kakinada Custom House only after the necessary approval from Hqrs.

Action: D.C. to monitor the return of old FDRs by Supdt. (Techn.)-II.

4. The trade representatives have requested that the submission of bank guarantees for the provisional assessments done in respect of import of edible oils may not be insisted as the same was never submitted in the past as they will cause more financial constraint on the importers.

The Chairman has observed that as per the provisions of Section 18 of the Customs Act 1962 read with Customs (Provisional duty assessment) Regulations, 2011 a bond for an amount equal to the assessable value of the imported goods be executed with such surety or security or both, as AC/DC deems fit. However, as a measure of facilitation, the chairman has directed that the existing importers need not furnish any bank guarantee but any new manufacturer-importer has to furnish the Bank Guarantee for 20% of the differential duty and a new trader-importer have to furnish 100% Bank Guarantee for the differential duty.

Action: D.C. to take appropriate action as directed above.

At the end, the Chairman thanked the participants of the meeting and informed that the next open house meeting will be held on 07.10.2015.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner.


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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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Minutes of the CCFC meeting held on 09.9.2015 by the Commissioner of Customs,
Customs Preventive Commissionerate, Vijayawada at Custom House, Kakinada

The Customs clearance facilitation committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 09.9.2015 at Kakinada Custom House, Kakinada, under the chairmanship of S.K.RAHMAN, Commissioner CPC, Vijayawada to resolve the trade related grievances in a time bound manner by institutionalising the administrative mechanism for expeditious Customs clearance of Import and Export goods.

Sri M. Rammohan Rao, Joint Commissioner, Sri V. Sreenivasa Rao, Assistant Commissioner, Sri B.K. Singh, Assistant Commissioner, and the following stake holders of the CCFC are present at the meeting:

1. Sri Ravi Kumar, IAS, Director of Ports
2. Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) A.S.Rao, CEO of KSPL
3. Dr. M. Mistry, Chemical Examiner, Grade-I
4. Dr. B.V.V. Satyannarayana, PHO
5. Sri Padam Singh, PQO
6. Sri M.Satyannarayana, President, Kakinada Customs Brokers Association
7. Sri Sreeram Bhagwati, General Secretary, Customs Brokers Association and Executive member in the federation of Freight Forwarders Association of India.
8. Sri K.V.S. Sitaram, Secretary, Kakinada Shipping Agents Association

Part A: Review of the points of the previous meetings: (Held prior to 08.08.2015)

1. **Setting up of a Chemical Laboratory at Kakinada:** With reference to para 6 of the minutes dated 06.5.2015, Chairman has observed that in view of the letter dated 31.08.2015, sent by the Director, Central Revenues Control Laboratory and the status report dated 07.09.2015 submitted by the Chemical Examiner, it has been decided to send a request to the Director of Ports requesting for space of about 700 Sq.ft. to accommodate the chemical laboratory. The Chairman also directed to send a draft letter to the Director, Central Revenues Control Laboratory about the apportioning of the staff at the office of the chemical examiner Visakhapatnam between Visakhapatnam laboratory and proposed laboratory at Kakinada.

Action: D.C., Kakinada Custom House

2. Renovation of customs office in KSPL:

With reference to **para 9** of the minutes dated 06.5.2015, The CEO KSPL has informed that the work is going as per schedule. Three rooms will be handed over in the next seven days and the remaining thing will be finished by middle of October.

Action: A.C. (Examination) to monitor the progress

3. EDI Connectivity in Customs Office in Docks area:

With reference to **para 10** of the minutes dated 06.5.2015, CEO, KSPL has informed that BSNL wanted to have a plan to lay the cables and that they have talked to GM, BSNL, Rajahmundry about the issues involved and that the matter is being pursued on a continuous basis to clear the connectivity issues pertaining to the EDI in docks area.

Action: KSPL & BSNL

Part B: Review of the Minutes of the meeting dated 05.8.2015

4. Re-notification of the rake-hall Jetty:

After discussions it was decided not to notify the area in view of the Deputy Commissioner's report dated 29.8.2015. The chairman has further observed that there is drawback facility on rice as of now and in future any commodity can also be exported. Alternatively, the Director of Ports has stated that they will examine the proposal of extending the wharf within the customs notified area which is anyway ISPS (International Ships and Ports Security) compliant.

Action: Director of Ports

Part B: New points : NIL

At the end, the Chairman thanked the members of CCFC for attending the meeting and informed that the next CCFC meeting will be held on 07.10.2015.

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