

Minutes of the 10th All India Customs Consultative Group (CCG) meeting held on 11.12.2018 at New Delhi.

10th All India CCG meeting was held on 11.12.2018 at 1500 hrs. at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Sh. P.K. Das, Special Secretary & Member (Customs), CBIC. A list of participants to the meeting is enclosed at '**Annexure-I**'.

2. At the outset, Sh. Pranab Kumar Das, Member (Customs) welcomed all the participants to the meeting. He informed that CBIC is taking all possible measures to simplify rules, regulations and procedures and using IT as a tool to provide a more conducive regulatory environment for business and cross border trade in India. He emphasized that such initiatives taken by the department have resulted in improving ranking of India by 66 points from a rank of 146 to 80 in 'Trading across Borders'. This has led to substantial jump in India's ranking in Ease of Doing Business from a position of 100 last year to 77 this year. He also emphasized that the business entities as stakeholders need to become more compliant to law by adopting transparent trade practices. He informed that the target of reaching a rank of 50 in the area of trading across border can only be achieved with active participation from the trade.

3. Member (Customs) highlighted various initiatives being taken by the department to facilitate trade such as introduction of machine enabled delivery system and faceless processing and clearance. He urged the trade to become trusted partners through the adoption of AEO programme. He emphasized that trade should strive to reach at least Tier-2 level of AEO programme to get the maximum benefits of Mutual Recognition Agreements signed by the Government. Through these, there is a potential to increase our exports especially to ASEAN countries. He informed that 2200 operators have already been accredited to the AEO program till date and it is expected that by end of March, 2019, such accreditation would increase to 3500.

4. Member (Customs) emphasized that as a trade facilitation measure, CBIC has implemented many programs in the recent past and one of such initiative is the e-Sanchit application. He urged trade members to use the e-Sanchit application for paperless processing with the objective of reducing physical interface between Customs and the trade in order to facilitate the trading across borders. He informed that CBIC is making all out efforts to do away with software glitches, if any, arising in the e-Sanchit application.

5. Member (Customs) also referred to the recently held 3rd All India LCS Conference at Shillong on 26.11.2018 and informed about various initiatives of CBIC to improve cross border trade including the implementation of EDI at all LCSs wherever internet connectivity and related infrastructure is available for enhanced operational efficiency. He also informed that the courier terminals are now operational in the major locations in the country. He further informed that CBIC is in consultation with CONCOR to reduce

the time taken of 60 days approximately for a consignment of cotton yarn to be exported from Ludhiana to Bangladesh to only 6 days by providing the direct land connectivity instead of going by land/ sea route. He mentioned that the Government is ready to consider proposals from other operators other than CONCOR also to expedite the process.

6. Member (Customs) mentioned that Government has taken all possible steps for sanctioning the refund to the exporters. He informed that 95% of the refund has already been sanctioned by CBIC and the remaining is also pending on account of exporters either not filing GSTR 3B or coming forth with concordance tables in cases where there is invoice mismatch.

7. ADG (DGEP) while briefing about the status of action taken in respect of agenda points of 9th CCG meeting held on 22.06.2018 informed that out of 154 agenda points, 117 agenda points have been closed and action taken shared with all stake holders. In the remaining 37 agenda points, action is being taken by CBIC whose outcome will be communicated in due course. The agenda points for the 10th CCG meeting were then taken up for discussion. The details of agenda points along with the decision taken in the meeting are reflected in the broadsheet enclosed as '**Annexure-II**' to these minutes.

8. While concluding the meeting, Member (Customs) thanked all the members for their suggestions and hoped that such frequent interactive sessions would continue for finding solutions to the issues faced by the importers/ exporters.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**List of participants who attended the 10th All India CCG meeting on
11.12.2018 at New Delhi**

A. Officers

1. Sh. Pranab Kumar Das, Special Secretary & Member (Customs), CBIC
2. Sh. Sandeep M. Bhatnagar, Director General of Export Promotion
3. Sh. B.B. Mohapatra, ADG, DG Systems)
4. Sh. L. Satya Srinivas, JS (Customs)
5. Sh. Amitabh Kumar, Commissioner (Customs)
6. Sh. Sanjay Bansal, ADG, DGEP
7. Dr. M.G. Thamizh Valavan, Commissioner (SW)
8. Sh. Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Director (Drawback)
9. Sh. Saroj Kumar Behera, Joint Director, DGEP
10. Sh. Manish Kumar, Joint Commissioner, DIC

B. Associations

1. Sh. Santosh Kumar, IRTS Group General Manager (Strategic Planning), CONCOR
2. Ms. Mallika Arya, GGM (C&T), CONCOR
3. Sh. M.S. Arun, NACFS
4. Sh. S. Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS
5. Sh. K.S. Shetty, President/Director, BCHAA
6. Sh. Dushyant Mulani, Vice-President, BCHAA
7. Sh. S. Ramakrishna, Chairman, FFFAI
8. Sh. Kartik Pancholi, Vice-Chairman, FFFAI
9. Sh. O.P.Kapoor, Rig. Director, EPCES
10. Sh. Rahul Gupta, Chairman, EPCES
11. Sh. Pramod Agrawal, Chairman, GJEPC
12. Sh. K.K. Duggal, Director, GJEPC
13. Sh. Sabyasachi Ray, Exec. Director, GJEPC
14. Ms. Archana, Sr. Manager, GJEPC
15. Sh. Pratik Mohapatra, Dy. Director, STPI
16. Sh. Ganesh Nayak, Addl. Director, STPI
17. Sh. Manab Majumdar, Dy. Secretary General, FICCI
18. Sh. Rahul Shukla, ASSOCHAM
19. Sh. Mohd Nahid Alam, ASSOCHAM
20. Ms. Shweta Kathuria, Manager, NASSCOM
21. Sh. Vidyadhar Purandare, NASSCOM
22. Sh. Deepak Arora, NASSCOM
23. Sh. H.C. Pant, Advisor, FIEO
24. Sh. Vishnu Das Gupta, Consultant International Deptt., CII
25. Sh. M.S. Rawat, AGM(Cargo), AAI
26. Sh. O.P. Khurana, AGM(Cargo), AAI
27. Sh. Amit Kr. Jha, Director, MAIT
28. Ms. Parul Vivek, Manager, MAIT
29. Sh. Nikhil Saini, EICI
30. Ms. Deepa Das, EICI

31. Sh. V.G. Kannan, CEO, IBA
32. Sh. Sanjeev Mittal, IBA
33. Sh. Harish Chopra, IBA
34. Ms. Bhavna Sethi, DGM, Samsung Electronic India (P) Ltd.
35. Sh. Prashant Kumar, Assistant Manager Corporate Logistic and Compliance, Robert Bosch.
