

# NOTIFICATION NO. 05/2014

A meeting with all the representatives of CFS was held on 10.06.2014 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Hall at the 7th floor of the Custom House regarding safety and security of cargo during storage and clearance of goods under import and export in view of certain developments in the recent past. The meeting was chaired by Shri S. H. Hasan, Commissioner of Customs (Export), JNCH

Shri Aseem Kumar, Additional Commissioner of customs, Shri Pankaj Bodke, Additional commissioner of customs, Shri Parag Singh Assistant commissioner of customs (Preventive/General), Shri Surender Malik, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (CFS Management Cell) attended the meeting.

2. The following representatives of the CFSs attended the meeting:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>NAME OF THE CFS</b>	<b>NAME OF THE REPRESENTATIVE</b>
		<b>S/Shri.</b>
1	CWC KALAMBOLI	K.S.R. Murthy
2	CWC DRONAGIRI	Anurag Pagare
3	CWC LOGISTICS PARK	Santosh Shetty, Capt. Nishit Joshi
4	CWC IMPEX PARK	S.C. Sharma
5	CWC DISTRI PARK	P.C. Lohani
6	SPEEDY MULTIMODE	Rajan Sawant, Uday Gharat
7	MSWC	K.M. Tope,
8	DRT CONCOR	Abhijeet Jigiyo
9	BALMER & LAWRIE	Rajesh Raghavan
10	PUNJAB CONCORE	Jacob Thomas
11	GATEWAY DISTRI PARK	S C Maini
12	ULA	Capt. V. M. Damley, V. Vinod
13	APM TERMINALS	Salim Shikalgar, Arun N Adak
14	ALL CARGO Logistics	S.M. Salian
15	FORBES & Co.	Ajit Joshi, Adesh Surve
16	CONTINENTAL WAREHOUSING	Umesh Shetty,
17	SEABIRD MARINE	V. Padmanabhan
18	JWC LOGISTICS	Kruti Johanputra
19	NAV KAR CORPORATION	Nanasaheb B. Zaware
20	AMEYA LOGISTICS	Laksha S. Tadadikar
21	ASHTA LOGISTICS	Navneet Lamba
22	VAISHNO LOGISTICS	Yash Vardhan
23	INDEV LOGISTICS	Ravi Prasad, Mohan Pilve
24	SBW LOGISTICS	G. Raja Rao, Manager
25	TRANSINDIA LOGISTICS	Antony Gomez, AGM
26	JWR LOGISTICS	Jignesh Joshi

3. The Commissioner of Customs (Export) welcomed all the members in the meeting. He emphasized on the role of custodian in the safe keeping of cargo during process of carting, examination, stuffing and imports. He specially drew the attention of CFSs towards their duty of not allowing the imported goods to be removed from the customs area or otherwise dealt with except under in accordance with the permission in writing of the proper officer of customs as laid down in section 45 of the Customs Act, 1962, read with regulation 6 of the "Handling of Cargo in Customs Area, 2009. He asked the representatives if they have gone through the Public Notice No. 19/2014 dated 05.06.2014 available on website of JNCH. Some of the representatives showed their ignorance about the said Public Notice. Some hard copies of the said Public Notice were made available and the CFS representatives were requested to download the same from JNCH website. He also emphasized that it is important for senior level officials of CFS to be more vigilant and update themselves with Public Notices and instructions published on the JNCH website. He also urged them to take rounds in their CFSs regularly and take a stock of the internal control mechanism for regulating the movement of import and export cargo.

4. The Commissioner of Customs (Export) then informed the changes recently brought out in the process of passing out of the cleared import cargo through CFS gate in light of Public Notice No 19/2014 and stressed upon the major change that the Gate Officer now has to view the OOC in the ICEGATE system before allowing the cargo to go out. The Chairperson appreciated all the CFSs for providing EDI connectivity to the Gate Officer and urged CWC Kalamboli and CWC Distripark to complete the work of connectivity as soon as possible. The CFSs were also asked to view the status of the Bill of Entry in the ICEGATE website before issuing the gate pass for the imported cargo.

5. The representatives inquired as to how much time does the ICEGATE portal takes to upload status of the Bill of entry after giving 'Out Of Charge' as the waiting period may result in delay in the delivery and congestion at the CFS gate. Shri. Pankaj Bodke Additional Commissioner of Customs informed that the updation is almost in real time but in rare cases it may take up to 15 minutes. Then the representatives suggested that they may supply a copy of printout of the status of Bill of Entry taken from ICEGATE to minimize any delay at the gate on account of checking of Bill Of Entry on EDI system by gate Officer on which the chairperson expressed his agreement.

6. Shri. Aseem Kumar, Additional Commissioner of Customs, informed that the CFSs are not having a uniform practice in regard to the time period for the storage of the CCTV video footage installed in their CFSs and it was noticed that some of the CFS were having storing capacity of only 7 days. The chairperson asked the CFS representatives if it would be feasible for all CFSs to have recordings of CCTV preserved for a minimum period of 30 days to which they replied affirmatively. It was emphasized that only those CFSs notified for handling Hazardous cargo should accept and handle the Hazardous cargo who have got necessary permission from the MPCB and others should refrain from doing so. The chairperson asked Additional Commissioner of Customs/ CFS Management Cell, to prepare a Public Notice in this regard.

7. Shri Pankaj Bodke, Additional Commissioner of Customs, informed that the containers chosen for scanning should be taken to the scanning facility before going into CFS after they are dispatched from port. It was noticed that some of the CFSs were not honoring the public notice

in this regard and taking the containers for scanning well after receiving into CFS and the importers are separately charged for the same. The representatives informed that the scanning machine does not accept two containers at a time and sometimes if the port loads another container along with container to be scanned, the vehicle has to go to CFS and return to scanning machine after unloading the extra container. The chairperson emphasized on a minimum time lag in this process and that the importers should not be charged for such scanning.

8. Shri Surender Malik, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, brought to the notice that considering number of CFSs spread over the large area, it is virtually not possible to have communication with CFSs in hard copy hence the CFS management cell communicates on e-mail provided by the CFSs for this purpose. However, it is noticed that CFSs are not responding to these e-mails and they have to be reminded via telephone which consumes lots of time of the CFS Management Staff which could have been utilized for some productive work. The Chairperson urged all CFSs to instruct the person handling those emails to check e-mails regularly and respond quickly. In case the CFSs are not receiving the e-mails or their e-mails have been changed the same should be updated with CFS Management Cell.

9. The representatives brought to the notice of the chairperson that the task force created for auction and container clearance has not been held for some time. The Chairperson instructed the Additional Commissioner of Customs, disposal to hold the meeting for disposal/ auction as early as possible and speed up the process.

10. The chairperson informed the representatives that it has come to the notice of the department that some anti-social elements have used forged Bills of Entry and cleared some consignments in two incidents in two different CFSs. In one case hazardous goods meant for disposal/ destruction were destuffed from containers without consent from the proper officer of the customs. There was also a case of stuffing of waste material in the export container instead of the declared goods. He emphasized upon the great responsibility cast on the CFSs as custodians for safe keeping of the goods meant for import and export and that the department has adopted a policy of Zero tolerance in case of any such violations.

11. He then thanked everybody for attending and actively participating in the meeting.

12. This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (export), JNCH.

**Sd/-13.06.2014**

**(Surender Malik)**

**Asstt. Commissioner of Customs,  
CFS Management Cell, JNCH.**

**To,  
All CFSs**

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