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MINUTES OF MEETING WITH TERMINAL OPERATORS AND PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (PGAs) ON THE ISSUES OF “MAKING ONWHEEL SAMPLING FACILITY FUNCTIONAL TO DPD CLIENTS” [HELD ON 06.11.2017].

The DPD meeting held on 06.11.2017 was chaired by Shri Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs, NS- III and attended by Shri Dharendra Lal, ADC, Shri C.P. Singh, DC and Shri Praveen Kumar, AO. The meeting was attended by the following authorized persons of different stakeholders:-

Sr. No	Name (S/Sh)	Designation	Agency
1	V. K. Pancham	Deputy Director	FSSAI
3	R. B. Sharma	Assistant Director	RFCL
4	K. L. Meena	Plant Protection Officer	Plant Quarantine Office
5	Dr. Rajiv Khosla	Regional Officer	Animal Quarantine
6	Dr. Vignesh V.	Inspector	Animal Quarantine
7	Ganesh Nannawar	Drug Inspector	ADC
8	D. Adimallaiah	Inspector	WCCB, WR
9	Capt. Ravinder Singh	CEO	NSICT/NSIGT
10	Capt B. Fernandes	Sr.Manager Operation	DP World
11	Hiren Ruparel		BCBA
12	Paresh Sarna		BCBA

2. At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members of the Participating Government Agencies (PGAs), representatives of NSICT & members of trade and discussed the issues relating to “on wheel sampling” of goods from Terminal areas”. Chairperson informed the members that one of the Terminal Operators i.e. NSICT (M/s DP World) has shown willingness to provide “exclusive area for sampling” for DPD FCL containers”, wherein samples can be drawn by the Customs/ PGAs and subsequently the containers can be allowed to move from Port to desired destination under DPD mode.

3. As the sampling process involves participation of different PGAs, Customs have requested these participating government agencies vide letter dated 13.10.2017 to examine the issue and explore possibilities for sampling in “exclusive area” inside Terminals. Attention of PGAs during meeting was also drawn towards this letter.

4. During discussion, views expressed by representatives of different participating government agencies (PGAs) are as under:-

(i) **Animal Quarantine** – Regional Officer, Animal Quarantine have informed that before collection of samples from DPD FCL containers, they have to check documents like Sanitary Import Permit, Health Certificate etc. They draw samples from only those consignments which are accompanied with valid documents, failing which they are fit to be deported/destroyed and the complete process takes around 7 to 8 days from filing the application. Till then the containers are required to be kept in Customs Bonded

Area. They submitted that consignments requiring NOC from Animal Quarantine should not be allowed to clear under “no-use bond”.

(ii) FSSAI: - Deputy Director, FSSAI informed that it takes 7-8 days to release the test reports after submission of application before FSSAI. They have given their nod for “on wheel sampling” however, insisted that application should be completed by the Importer in all aspects before sampling at Terminals. Regarding availability of FSSAI officer for drawal of sample, they submitted that they will take up the issue with their head office.

It was informed by the trade that present system of payment online (as is being accepted by Textile Committee) can be started to avoid delays on account of payments.

(iii) Plant Quarantine: - They have also given their consent for on wheel sampling from the Terminal subject to compliance of submission of required documents and advance payment. However, they stated that the NOC/Import release order cannot be issued until all laboratory requirements fulfil. They submitted that consignments requiring NOC from Plant Quarantine should not be allowed to clear under “no-use bond”. However, items where they are giving provisional NOC or giving NOC within a day may be considered for on wheel sampling. Finally, they conveyed that they will check the position from their head office and revert.

(iv) Assistant Drug Controller : Representative of Assistant Drug Controller informed that they are facing staff crunch and therefore, they will intimate about authorizing Customs to draw samples from for “DPD FCL Containers” at consignments from Port [“exclusive area for sampling” for DPD FCL containers”] after discussing with their higher authorities.

(v) RFCL: Assistant Director, RFCL informed that they have already referred the issues with their Ministry proposing Customs to draw the samples from the Consignments and to forward the samples for analysis to their Mumbai Laboratory. He has also informed that Customs may take up the issue directly with their Ministry.

(vi) NSICT: Representative of NSICT assured that they are ready to provide all the requirements of PGAs and Customs for on wheel sampling inside Terminals.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs NS-III.

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(DHIRENDRA LAL)
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To,

All the Members of meeting by e-mail

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