

## **Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> Task Force on Transaction Cost in Exports**

The 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Task Force on Transaction Cost in Exports took place on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 at 11.00AM in conference room No.04, DGFT, Udyog Bhavan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Dr. Anup K. Pujari, DGFT. List of participants is attached.

2. A presentation was made by Shri D.K. Singh, Addl. DGFT on the visit of the Task Force Team to Antwerp, Hamburg and Zeebrugge during October 13-18, 2013. Shri R. Gopalkrishnan, Director (Traffic Transportation) and Shri Anil Kumar Sinha, STD(NIC), who were members of this team also gave input .

3. In the presentation following models were put forward for consideration and adoption if found appropriate with suitable modification:-

- i) Import Message Platform developed in Hamburg which connects various stakeholders, resulting into reduced business operations hours and optimised the transport process.
- ii) Building of trust for Export documentation and clearance at factory under Client Concept Model at the port of Zeebrugge.
- iii) MoU between companies and Customs for reducing percentage of physical examination.
- iv) Authorized Economic Operators for allowing seamless flow of goods.
- v) Export Control System of Antwerp which is a communication platform between Ports and Customs Authority.
- vi) Single Administrative Document adopted by EU for devising a common document for all imports / exports.
- vii) ITC(HS) at 10 digit or more and use of ITC(HS) code for all stakeholders.
- viii) Binding Tariff Information.
- ix) Lower retention period of documents.
- x) Seamless movement of vehicles.

(Copy of the presentation has already been forwarded to the Task Force Members.)

4. JS (Custom) informed that there are 328 Accredited Clients Programme (ACP). Custom has undertaken pilot project with Plant & Animal Quarantine Department to develop 'Custom Single Window' system. He offered to make a presentation before the Committee Members for better understanding in the next meeting. It was informed to the members that suggestions from various agencies / trade has been consolidated and it would be circulated among members for discussion.

5. Task Force Members will now start considering recommendations and suggestions received from various corners for finalising their views on issues related to infrastructure, system and procedure.

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**List of participants :**

**DGFT:**

1. Dr. Anup Kumar Pujari, DGFT, Chairman
2. Shri D.K. Singh, Addl.DGFT
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4. Shri Jaikant Singh, Addl.DGFT
5. Shri Hardeep Singh, Joint DGFT
6. Shri Daya Shankar, Dy.DGFT
7. Shri Yoginder Singh, Dy.DGFT
8. Shri Anil K. Sinha, STD(NIC – DGFT)

**Depart of Revenue:**

9. Shri Sandeep Bhatnagar, Joint Secretary

**Ministry of Civil Aviation**

10. Shri Alok Sinha, Joint Secretary

**Ministry of Environment and Forests:**

11. Ms. Vandana Aggarwal, Economic Advisor

**Ministry of Railways:**

12. Shri R. Gopalkrishnan, Director (Traffic Transportation)

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13. Ms. Amita Sarkar, Dy. DG
14. Ms. Anjula Solanki

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15. Ms. Saloni Jha, Dy. Director