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Subject: Reconstitution of 'Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee' (CCFC)- reg.

Attention of Importers/ Exporters, Customs Brokers, Trade and all other Stake Holders is invited to the Board's Circular no. 13/2015-Cus dated 13.04.2015, Circular no. 44/2016-Cus dated 22.09.2016 & Circular no. 02/2024-Cus dated 08.03.2024 regarding Setting up of 'Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee' (CCFC) and representation of women in Customs Clearance Facility Committee (CCFC) meetings.

The Government has in recent times taken a number of measures to create an environment for ease of doing business and trade facilitation. The measures include the simplification of Customs procedures, reduction of documents, message exchange between Government agencies engaged in Customs clearance, and use of digital signature for electronic submission of Customs process documents. Continuing in this direction, it has now been decided with the approval of the Cabinet Secretary to establish a high-level administrative body at each seaport, airport and selected Land Customs Station with the responsibility of ensuring expeditious Customs clearance of imported and export goods.

In this regard it is seen that in terms of the Customs Act, 1962 read with the relevant rules and regulations, imported and export goods are subjected to certain legal and procedural formalities before being permitted clearance by Customs. These requirements include the submission of prescribed documents and adherence to laid down procedures before an appropriate legal order is given by the Customs officer permitting the importer/exporter to clear the goods for the intended purpose. If provisions of other Allied Acts are attracted in respect of the imported/export goods, permission to clear the goods is given by the Customs only after getting the suitable clearance/response/NOC from the Government Department/agency concerned. Some of the major Departments/agencies that are involved in Customs clearance process are as follows:

1. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

2. Plant Quarantine Authorities
3. Custodian
4. Land Ports Authority of India
5. CONCOR

Further to make the most of trade as a catalyst for equality, women must be represented at all levels. Women also must be represented across different job roles and functions of trade be it as traders, customs house agents, freight forwarders, or customs brokers. Henceforth, the representation of women in Customs Clearance Facility Committee (CCFC) meetings, preferably through women associations is solicited.

In view of the above it has been decided to reconstitute Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) at Customs(Preventive) Commissionerate, Lucknow. The functionary of the following departments/agencies/Stake holders will be the members of reconstituted Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC).

S.No.	Name of the Organization	Designation	Contact Details
01	Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	Food Analyst (LCS-Sonauli)	sonaulinfl@gmail.com
		Regional Food Research and Analysis Centre (LCS Nepalganj Road)	dir.rfrac-up@gov.in
02	Plant Quarantine Authorities	Assistant Plant Protection Officer (LCS-Barhni)	pqs-barhni-agri@gov.in 8058379080
		Plant Protection Officer, LCS Sonauli	pqs-sonauli-agri@nic.in
		Plant Protection Officer, LCS Nepalganj Road	pqs.rupaidiha-agri@nic.in 8004281189
		Plant Protection Officer, LCS Gauriphanta	pqs-gauriphanta-agri@gov.in 9149288722
		Plant Protection Officer, LBSIA Varanasi	pqs-varanasi-agri@gov.in 7905680051
03	Land Port Authority of India	Under Secretary LPAI Rupaidiha	usga-admn@lpai.gov.in 9451373960
04	Custodian, ICD-Panki	Terminal Manager, KLPL	ramphool@klpl.in
05	Custodian,	Manager, CWC	9838749484

	ICD-Chakeri		
06	Custodian, ICD-Agra	Terminal Manager, CONCOR	agra@concorindia.com 0562-2281778
07	Custodian, ICD-JRY	Terminal Manager, CONCOR	anilkanaujia@concorindia.com

Terms of Reference for the CCFC will remain the same which are as follows:

- i. Ensuring and monitoring expeditious clearance of imported and export goods in accordance with the timeline specified by the parent ministry/Department concerned;
- ii. Identifying and resolving bottlenecks, if any, in the clearance procedure of imported and export goods;
- iii. Initiating Time Release Studies for improvement in the clearance time of imported and export goods;
- iv. Having internal consultations to speed up the clearance process of imported and export goods and recommending best practices thereto for consideration of CBEC/Departments / Agencies concerned; and
- v. Resolving grievances of members of the trade and industry in regard to clearance process of imported and export goods. The CCFC shall meet once in a month or more frequently, if considered necessary by the chair.

The CCFC shall meet periodically under the Chairmanship of Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner of Customs (P), Lucknow. The meeting shall be conducted on alternate basis at LCS Sonauli, LCS Nepalganj Road and LCS-Barhni.

**RANJEET KUMAR
COMMISSIONER**

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1. The Chief Commissioner, Customs (Prev), Patna Zone, Patna.
2. All DC/AC (all concern) Customs (P) Lucknow.
3. All members concern of CCFC
4. The Superintendent (Systems) Customs(P) Lucknow for uploading the Public Notice on official website of Commissionerate
5. Notice Board.