

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN MODEL CUSTOMS COLLECTORATE OF EXPORTS 3RD FLOOR, CUSTOM HOUSE, KARACHI.

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Subject:

MEETING TO DISCUSS EXPORT EXAMINATION ISSUES

Please refer to the subject cited above and find enclosed minutes of meeting held on 22.12.2014 in the chamber of Collector MCC Exports, Karachi, with the representatives of Terminal Operators (Karachi Port).

Encl: As Above.

(Mona Iffat Baloch)
Deputy Collector -PICT

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- 1. The Chief Collector (Enforcement), South, 8th floor, Custom House, Karachi.
- 2. Management of Karachi International Container Terminals (KICT), Karachi.
- 3. Management of Pakistan International Container Terminals (PICT), 'Karachi.
- 4. Management of the Off-Dock Terminals, AICT 13 OAIL/ NLCCT / DP World, OFC / Pak Shaheen.
- 5. Chief Executive, Qasim Freight Station (QFS), Port Qasin, Karachi.
- 6. The Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPC0), Karachi.
- 7. The Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI).
- 8. The Shipping Agents Association (SAA), Karachi.
- 9. President, Customs Clearing Agents Association (CCAA), Karachi.
- 10. Manager National Bank of Pakistan, Custom House Branch, Karachi.
- 11. Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PRGMEA).
- 12. Pakistan Leather Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PLGMEA).
- 13. All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA).
- 14. All Pakistan Fruit & Vegetable Exporters, Importers & Merchants Association.
- 15. Pakistan Tanners Association (PTA).
- 16. Pakistan Canvas & Tents Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PCTMEA).
- 17. Towel Manufacturers Association of Pakistan (TMA).
- 18. President, Rice Export Association of Pakistan, Karachi.
- √ 19. Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers Association, P.H.M.A House, 37-H Block-6, P.E.C.H.S, Karachi.

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Meeting to discuss Export Examination issues

A meeting was held with the representatives of PICT, KICT, and off dock Terminal Operators (TOs) in the chamber of Collector, MCC Exports, Karachi on 22.12.2014 at 11:00 AM to discuss custom examination issues. From the MCC Exports, Karachi ADC-II/ Ports, Deputy Collector, (PICT), Deputy Collector (Headquarters) and Assistant Collector (KICT) were also present. The Agenda points of the meeting were as follows:-

- Damage to export goods during de-stuffing and re-stuffing.
- 2. Theft of goods from the port.
- 3. Non demarcation of Export and Import examination areas at the Port.
- 2. The Collector, MCC Exports welcomed all the participants and informed that during recent meetings with Trade bodies and Clearing Agent Association, it was brought to his notice that service standards of PICT, KICT and Off dock Terminals are not up to the International Standards. In fact QICT is offering better services and as a result attracting more business and these is diversion of business from KICT/PICT to QICT.

3. Agenda item No. 1 EXPORTED GOODS AND THEIR PACKING ARE DAMAGED DURING DE-STUFFING AND RE-STUFFING

The Collector MCC Exports informed that due to lack of Tarpaulin sheets, cargo is placed on dirty floor during the de-stuffing / re-stuffing process. The representatives of the Terminal Operators (TO) informed that this problem mainly arises due to rough handling/ checking of cargo by ANF that damages cartons. They also informed that exporters can repack the goods but in order to complete the shipment in the same vessel they load the consignment even if goods are damaged. Following suggestions were discussed to resolve the above issue

- I. TOs should use disposal sheets which are cheaper as compared to Tarpaulin sheets to save cargo from getting dirty.
- II. Exporter should bring their consignments to port 24 hours prior to expected time of departure(ETD) of ship so that in event of ANF checking, they still have time to repack their goods.

- III. In case the Exporter wants to load the damaged goods to avoid shut out, the Clearing Agent/exporter shall give an undertaking and take the responsibility of the shipment of damaged cargo.
- IV. To engage a vendor to do re-packing of damaged cartons at the port premises.

The Collector, MCC Exports emphasized that suggestion No. I & IV should be carried out by the TOs in accordance with best international practice and with adequate surveillance. It would be in their own benefit to improve their services and increase their business.

Agenda item No. 2 NON DEMARCATION OF EXPORT AND IMPORT AREA

It was discussed that there is no proper demarcation of export and import examination area. The import containers are often grounded alongside export containers. The representative of the TOs assured that it shall be resolved at the earliest.

Agenda item No. 3 THEFT OF GOODS FROM TERMINALS

The Collector MCC Exports informed that Clearing Agent Association as well as the Trade bodies during the previous meeting raised the issue of theft of goods from the port area. The Collector emphasized on increase in quantity and efficiency of surveillance system at port and proper lighting arrangement to avoid such incidences. The representative of PICT informed that they have also received such complaints but upon investigation it was noted that in most of such cases there was no examination and seal were also intact. The Collector insisted again that such cases should be properly investigated and CCTV's recording should also be retrieved and analysed. The representative of the TOs assured that through coordinated efforts such irritants shall be resolved.

4. The meeting ended with a note of thanks by the Collector, MCC Exports.

Deputy Collector PICT-Export