

ANF, customs urged to minimise delays

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KARACHI: Exporters of value-added textile products on Thursday urged the Anti Narcotics Force (ANF), customs, and operators of port terminals to streamline their affairs to minimise shipment delays.

At a meeting with Director ANF, Sindh, Brigadier Muhammad Wajid at the PHMA House, members of Value Added Textile Forum (VTF) raised issues relating to delays of their consignments.

Chief coordinator of PHMA and Chairman of Pakistan Apparel Forum

M Jawed Bilwani Chairman of PHMA, North Zone Usman Jawaad, Chairman, South Zone, Abdul Rauf Patel, Deputy Chief Coordinator, Junaid Makda, Chairman of Paksea M Kamran Chandna, former chairman Paksea, Rafiq Godil, Chairman of Prgmea, Atiq Kochra, Vice-Chairman PBEA, Naqi Bari and a number of apparel exporters participated in the discussion.

Javed Bilwani stressed the need for improving the cargo clearance system, complicated by the involvement of various agencies at ports.

He said delays would be reduced by 70 percent if the status of cargo was monitored electronically, besides allowing shippers to know the name and contact numbers of inspectors concerned.

He said the ANF and ports officials, customs, model collectorate and other relevant agencies should work around the clock to facilitate exports. He said docks around the world operated 24 hours a day.

He said exporters suffered losses on account of delays in shipment, adding that shippers had to supply their com-

modities via air shipment and pay a higher tariff by comparison with expenses incurred on seaborne transportation.

Enumerating other factors causing delays, Bilwani said that cargo shipments were also delayed because of the poor law and order situation, which hindered export cargo from reaching harbours on time.

Exporters also called for safe inspection of goods.

In reply to the exporters' concerns, Brig Muhammad Wajid said efforts were needed to improve the inspection

system at docks.

Urging exporters to discourage bribes as a means to expedite cargo inspections, he said that this practice damaged the entire system.

He pointed out that ANF had recently detained a number of fraudsters who were minting money from exporters for "speeding up their cargo clearance".

Brigadier Wajid said that the ANF had detected 12 containers loaded with prohibited substances over the past 18 months. He said thorough inspection of containers also yielded 550 kilograms of heroin.



مختلف کنٹینرز کے ذریعہ منشیات کی اسمگلنگ کا انکشاف

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پکڑی ہے جو گزشتہ 10 سال کی نسبت 10 گنا زیادہ ہے۔ اس (باقی صفحہ 3 بقیہ نمبر 23 پر)

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بقیہ کنٹینرز/انکشاف 23

ممن میں اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس کے ریجنل ڈائریکٹوریٹ کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل بریگیڈیئر محمد واجد نے جمعرات کو پاکستان ہوزری مینوفیکچررز ایسوسی ایشن کے ممبران سے ملاقات میں گفتگو کے دوران کہا کہ، برآمدی کنٹینرس میں منشیات کا پتہ لگانے کے لیے اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس کی جانب سے آپریشن کو جاری رکھا جائے گا تاہم برآمد کنندگان کی سہولت اور برآمدی مال کی تیز تر سیل کے سلسلے میں آپریشن کا نظام بہتر بنایا جائے گا۔ اس موقع پر پی ایچ ایم اے سدرن ریجن کے چیئرمین عبدالرؤف ٹیل، چیف کوآرڈینیٹر محمد جاوید بلوانی، نقی باڑی رفیق گوڈیل کامران چاندنا، جنید ماکڑا، عثمان جواد، متیق کوچر اور دیگر ممبران نے برآمدی مال کی تیز کلیرنس میں حائل مسائل پیش کئے۔ بریگیڈیئر محمد واجد نے بتایا کہ دنیا کی بہترین ایجنسیوں کے مقابلے میں پاکستان کی اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس کی کارکردگی بہت بہتر ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ برآمد کنندگان کے پروفائلز کے تحت صرف 2 فیصد کنٹینرز چیک کئے جا رہے ہیں جبکہ ہمیں 5 فیصد کنٹینرز کی چیکنگ کا مینڈیٹ حاصل ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ اے این ایف کی جانب سے پہلے برآمدی کنٹینریشنٹ سے 48 گھنٹے قبل پورٹ پر پہچانے کی لازمی شرط عائد کی گئی تھی تاہم برآمد کنندگان کی جانب سے کی گئی درخواست پر اب کنٹینرز کو پشٹ سے 24 گھنٹے قبل پورٹ پر پہچانے کی پابندی عائد کی گئی ہے اس سہولت کے لیے اے این ایف کا اضافی عملہ شب

درو ز کام کر کے کنٹینرز کی کلیرنس کر رہا ہے، انہوں نے پی ایچ ایم اے کے ممبران سے استدعا کی کہ وہ کنٹینرز کی تیز کلیرنس کے سلسلے میں اے این ایف کے عملے سمیت کسی بھی ہلکار کو رشوت نہ دیں کیونکہ رشوت کی وجہ سے ہی تمام نظام درہم برہم ہو رہا ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ اگر کوئی ہلکار اے این ایف کے نام پر ”اسپیڈ منی“ کا مطالبہ کرے تو فوری طور پر مطلع کیا جائے تاکہ اسکے خلاف سخت تادیبی کارروائی کی جاسکے، انہوں نے کہا کہ برآمد کنندگان کے مطالبے پر کمپیوٹر پر برآمدی کنٹینرز کے اسٹیشن کے بارے میں نظام وضع کیا جا رہا ہے جس پر جلد عمل درآمد شروع ہو جائے گی تاہم اس دوران پی ایچ ایم اے اپنا ایک مجاز نمائندہ متعین کرے جسکی نشاندہی وضاحت پر کنٹینرز کو بغیر جانچ پڑتال کیے کلیر کر دیا جائے گا، پی ایچ ایم اے کے چیف کوآرڈینیٹر محمد جاوید بلوانی نے برآمد کنندگان کو درپیش مسائل کا احاطہ کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ کراچی میں امن وامان کی بدترین صورتحال، بجلی اور گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی وجہ سے برآمد کنندگان انتہائی مشکل میں ہیں اور اسکے لیے ممکن نہیں کہ وہ دو یوم قبل پورٹ پر برآمدی کنٹینرز پہنچائیں، انہوں نے کہا کہ اگر اے این ایف، کسٹمز اور ٹریڈل آپریٹرز کی جانب سے کمپیوٹر پر برآمدی کنٹینرز کے اسٹیشن سے برآمد کنندگان کو آگاہ کر دیا جائے تو انکے 70 فیصد مسائل حل ہو جائیں گے، انہوں نے کہا کہ کمپیوٹر کے ذریعے برآمد کنندگان کو آپریشن کے لیے کنٹینرز روکے جانے کی اطلاع ملنے پر برآمد کنندہ اپنے متعلقہ عملے کو پورٹ پر بھیج کر برآمدی مصنوعات کی ری پیکنگ کا انتظام کروا سکتا ہے اور اس طرح کنٹینرس کی ترسیل میں تیزی بھی آجائے گی، انہوں نے کہا کہ ممبران کی جانب سے یہ شکایات موصول ہوئی ہیں کہ اے این ایف اور کسٹمز پر یونیٹ اور اپریزمنٹ کے ہلکار برآمدی کنٹینرس کو جانچ پڑتال کے دوران کارٹرو کو بری طرح پھاڑ دیتے ہیں جس سے انہیں بھاری نقصانات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے، یہ سلسلہ فوری طور پر بند ہونا چاہئے اور ذمہ داروں کے خلاف سخت ایکشن لیا جانا چاہیے۔

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برآمدی کنسمینٹس میں منشیات کا پتہ لگانے کیلئے انسپکشن جاری رہے گی، بریگیڈیئر محمد واجد

اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس کی کارکردگی بہتر ہے، پروفاٹلز کے تحت صرف 2 فیصد کنٹینرز چیک کئے جا رہے ہیں

بتایا کہ گزشتہ دس سال کی نسبت سال 2012 کے ابتدائی چھ ماہ کے دوران دس گنا زائد منشیات پکڑی گئی ہیں جس سے اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس کی بہترین کارکردگی کا اندازہ لگایا جاسکتا ہے انہوں نے بتایا کہ اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس نے سال 2012 کی پہلی ششماہی کے دوران مجموعی طور پر 23 ٹن چرس اور 550 کلو گرام ہیروئن پکڑی ہے جو پچھلے دس سال کے عرصے کے سالانہ 5 ٹن اوسط کی نسبت 10 گنا زیادہ ہے انہوں نے بتایا کہ دنیا کی بہترین ایجنسیوں کے مقابلے میں پاکستان کی اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس کی کارکردگی بہت بہتر ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ برآمد کنندگان کے پروفاٹلز کے تحت صرف 2 فیصد کنٹینرز چیک کئے جا رہے ہیں جبکہ ہمیں 5 فیصد کنٹینرز کی چیکنگ کا مینڈیٹ حاصل ہے۔

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ANF to continue inspection of export consignments

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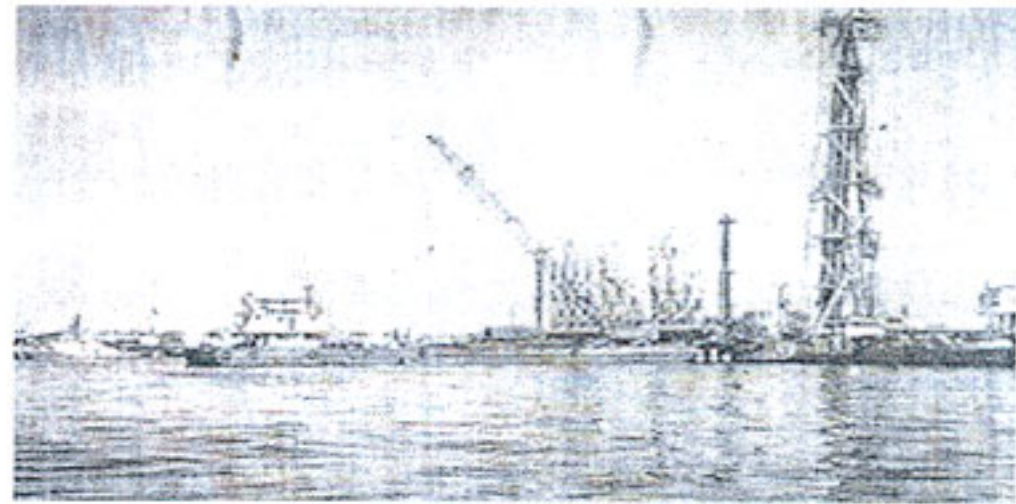
Frauds galore!

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- ANF DG says a group of cheats held for taking Rs1.7m 'speed money' from time-conscious exporters, Dollar-fetching textile exporters dub costly airborne dispatches a total loss, Traders say lack of coordination between Customs, ANF, others delay shipments



The ill-regulated thus problematic cargo clearance procedures at the country's sea ports are delaying the shipment of exportable cargo giving an opportunity to exploiters who are extracting huge sums as "speed money" from the time-conscious exporters. According to Anti-Narcotic Force (ANF) Sindh Director General Brig Muhammad Wajid the bribes are being taken in the name of government officials belonging to Pakistan Customs and Anti-Narcotic Force (ANF) apparently to speed up the clearance of exportable and imported cargo at the country's seaports.

Wajid revealed this during a meeting here with the members of Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PHMA) at the PHMA House Thursday. "There is a world of corrupt people who secure bribes in the name of ANF and Customs," he said.

The ANF chief said in a recent case unearthed by his department a group of frauds demanded bribe of Rs 1.7 m from the exporters for speeding up the clearance of their cargo. "Of the total bribery, Rs 1 m had gone to the inspector (fake), Rs 0.5 m to a milk seller and the balance to others involved," Wajid told the meeting. The group, he said, had been arrested and taken to task despite the opposition of some judges who, the ANF chief said, found no law to support such arrests. The bribed money, however, was recovered from the culprits, he said. "You destroy the entire system while offer a bribe for getting a speedy customs clearance of your goods," the director general told the exporters adding "I can't stop the corruption but we don't want you to be exploited".

Having a totally different version of the story, the exporters, particularly from dollar-fetching textile sector, claimed to have had their business a "total loss" due to lack of coordination between the government institutions responsible for inspecting outbound containers and other packed commodities at the ports.

"It is a total loss for us if we go for airborne exports," Pakistan Apparel Forum (PAF) Chairman Muhammad Jawed Bilwani told Pakistan Today commenting on airborne exports as an alternative..

Bilwani said the exporters' earning on a single shipment ranges from five to eight percent that is eroded by the air freight. "All we want our airborne exports is to enable us recover the cost," the PAF chief said.

During the meeting, the exporters complained that insufficient number of dogs, trained to find drugs or explosives by smell, available with the Force was also a major source of delay in cargo clearance. "You at least need 25 such dogs against the existing 4," an exporter advised to the ANF director.

Conceding that it was indeed a daunting task to get the government institutions do a job on its merit, Brig Wajid pledged affective measures to quicken the clearance process. "We have a lot of dogs. In fact, dogs' inspection never delays the clearance." Instead, he said, sniffer dogs had enabled the Force detect and hold some 12 containers during last one and half year. "These unprecedented detentions also include 550 kilograms of heroin," said Wajid. He assured the exporters that a joint meeting of all stakeholders would soon be held to discuss the bottlenecks.

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