

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING

## The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry

### RCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Customs

**Venue: Mian Pervaiz Aslam Conference Hall**

**Time: 11:35am**

**Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2015**

**Chairman: Mr. Akhtar Hussain Bokhari**

**Minutes Recorded by: Shahzeb Khan Kayani, R&D Officer**

#### Points Of Discussion

The meeting was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran.

The chairman of Standing committee on customs Mr. Akhtar Bokhari started the meeting with the word of thanks to all participants. It was a successful meeting in which many aspects were discussed. Chairman of the standing committee highlighted many important points to Additional Collector (Head Quarter) Abdul Waheed and Additional collector (AFU) Masud who were representing Collector Madam in this meeting.

Mr. Akhtar Bokhari (Chairman):

- Lack of facilities here on dry port makes businessmen to do business through Karachi port
- We are dependent on Karachi agents
- Need of improvement in facilities
- Complete documents are needed of our transaction
- Laboratory should be made at the earliest point
- Trading here costs almost 1 lakh more than trading at other ports and agents are worried
- Dry port agent hall was made by our own funding but we have lost it. We need it back asap.
- Different rates for the first day and second day on collection of items. It should be made same or at least mention on receipt why the rates are different.
- If by mistake a wrong index number is entered then there is no refund.
- ID issues when address is changed of agent
- 500rs ID is applicable all over Pakistan but our ID of worth 7 lakh is not applicable
- Training of agents
- Licenses renew issue and a license for 5 year should be made not 2 year.

Additional collector:

- We should have monthly meetings
- Railway has its limitations
- Two main things are Shipping line and Bonded Carrier
- Support needed from FBR for Bonded carrier

- Karachi wants that trade should take place there but we want to shift it her
- We have to take our issues to FBR
- There should be a laboratory here in Islamabad and it will be made very soon.
- All over country the percentage is 90% but ours is 50%

Mr. Kazmi:

- We know that laboratory is a necessity then why it is not still formed?
- Why we don't have targets but only discussion?
- We need decisions not discussions
- Veboc is not implemented
- Custom Department miscalculated the custom duty of almost 1 crore but I voluntarily declared and paid the duty but still there is a FIR on me and my business.
- Corruption issues in the department

Mr. Danish kamal

- A single piece of paper is given on ports, why not a proper document with full details?
- We are bothered by everyone throughout the transportation because of that
- Receipts on railway are not given
- No sitting area, washroom or proper management or facility for the traders at the dry port.

Mr. Jamil:

- Officials take the appeals to high court level if the decision comes in importers favor

An exporter:

- Asked that is sales tax implemented on exporter?
- Veboc system demands the exporter to register for sales tax why?
- Veboc clearance issue, and perishable items and due dates of exports are compromised

Trillium owner:

- On a battery of 475 euro from Greece 1600 euro is duty needs clarification in manual of Customs department about this
- Solar cells had 0% duty but why am I charged?

Mr. Khawaja naseer:

- 1 day warning of implementation of Veboc and 1 custom is only closed for Islamabad why?

Mr. Kashif:

- We do not produce our product here but get it from other cities. If this going to happen here then we would simply shift to other cities to export our product.
- Lack of proper management
- Every rule applies here but not in other cities
- No warning time given to us in fact it is changed suddenly

Pharmaceutical importer:

- Karachi is given relief on all occasions why not us?
- Quality control parameters for pharmaceutical products

Reply of AC:

- Veboc can't be changed it is a requirement and order
- Things need improvement and we will help you and support you
- Old system is always preferred but we need new one
- It is a pilot project for Islamabad
- Can export import current consignment with at least applying for ID
- Taxes are imposed by MNA's
- Officials push us to re appeal the cases
- We will see if valuation is wrong
- tag the product or item for re export/importing training idea is good but we cannot train others but will do something to implement this
- Quality control equipment installation.
- Dry port laboratory will be formed
- Hall is yours and will be given back
- Airport rental space of agents will be adjusted
- Clearing agents license will be elongated and all over Pakistan
- Veboc will have detailed report of product and duties
- Shouldn't go to courts for appeal and will try to limit if this happens
- Will meet with trillium owner to discuss issue
- Corruption has decreased and we are trying to minimize it by relating it to promotions
- Register yourselves with veboc and until the id is obtained 1 custom applies.