

Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee on Logistics, chaired by Special Secretary (Logistics), on 12th Jan 2018, 100 hrs at #141 Committee Room, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi-11

The meeting was attended by the following nodal officers from stakeholder Ministries/organizations:

1. Ms Vandana Agrawal, EA, MoCA
2. Sh SP Sahu, JS, CBEC, DoR, MoF
3. Sh Amit Kumar Ghosh, JS(Highways), MoRTH
4. Sh Naveen Shukla, Principle ED (Mobility), M/o Railways
5. Sh Abhishek Chandra, Director, M/o Shipping
6. Dr K Bangarurajan, Joint Drug Controller, CDSCO, MoHFW
7. Sh Anant Swarup, JS(Logistics), DoC
8. Sh Keshav Chandra, JS(Logistics), DoC
9. Sh D P Mohapatra, Addln DGFT, DoC
10. Sh SK Ahirwar, Director (Logistics), DoC
11. Sh Aman Sharma, Director (Logistics), DoC

This Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee on Logistics (IMSCL) was formed as per the directions received during the meeting of the CoS on Logistics, dated 18th October 2017. The agenda of the first meeting was to work out a detailed Action Plan for the integrated development of the Logistics sector in the country.

- A. At the outset, SS(Logistics) welcomed all the members of the IMSCL and highlighted that the aim of this body was to deliberate and work out a detailed action plan for:
 - Reducing the Logistics cost in the country
 - Make Logistics operations more efficient
- B. SS(Logistics) also mentioned that all the proceedings of the IMSCL are important and the action plan shall be presented before the next CoS meeting.
- C. A brief presentation on the state of Logistics in India, issues, challenges and possible solutions, was made before the IMSCL by Sh Anant Swarup, JS(Logistics)
- D. The IMSCL made the following recommendations during its deliberations:
 1. Each Ministry should prepare an action plan about reducing the logistics costs, keeping in view the Trading Across Border and the Logistics Performance Index Reports of the World Bank within 15 days. The action plan should clearly identify the target, actionable points and the milestones/timeframe.
 2. In order to simplify and ease operations for Multi-modal Logistics, it was recommended that the GST Council/DoR should remove multiple GST rates for each transportation leg and replace it with a single uniform GST rate for multimodal logistics.
 3. It was also recommended that the GST Council/DoR should introduce a single e-Way Bill for all transportation legs for multimodal logistics.
 4. A representative from DFS and DoR (GST) should be co-opted in the IMSCL, as the Logistics sector encounters a number of issues pertaining to the banking sector and GST.
 5. Recent initiatives of Customs like the Express Cargo Clearance System (ECCS) for the express industry cargo, which is completely paperless and quick, may be replicated at all Ports/Airports for general EXIM cargo as well

6. In order to identify the right site for setting up of Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP) in the country, the various stakeholders, such as M/o Railways, CONCOR, MoRTH and respective State Governments should share information & hold joint meetings, so that the MMLPs could become truly multimodal, reduce the Logistics cost, make transportation of good faster and also decongest the cities.
 7. The IMSCL should also hold dialog with the willing State Governments for simplification of documents/processes involved in inter-State transportation of goods.
 8. Drug Controller to widen its footprint from the present 10 sea Ports and 6 Airports to all the sea Ports and international airports in the country
 9. Drug Controller to onboard the Customs SWIFT system at all Sea Port and Air Ports.
 10. Drug Controller to deliberate on creating a USA HACCP kind of system where the exporting companies have to seek HACCP accreditation and imports from such HACCP compliant sources get green channel at the Ports. By bringing in this kind of a system, the entire process of port clearances shall become faster & automated (RMS based) but will also do away with the need for DC to maintain a large workforce.
- E. The next meeting of the IMSCL shall be held on 30th Jan 2018. Time and venue of the meeting shall be circulated in due course. The action plan mentioned in (1) above would be discussed in this meeting. A Whatsapp group (IMC Logistics) has already been created for easy communication among the IMSCL members.

This issues with the approval of SS(Logistics)

(Aman Sharma)

Director (Logistics)

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1. SS(Logistics)
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