Minutes of Meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) for consideration of proposals for setting up ICDs / CFSs held under Chairmanship of Shri P.K. Chaudhery, Special Secretary (SS), Department of Commerce (DoC) on 8th June 2011

Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) met on 08.06.2011 in Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi, with Shri P.K. Chaudhery, Special Secretary, DoC in Chair, for consideration of proposals for setting up Inland Container Depots (ICDs) / Container Freight Stations (CFSs). Following officials participated in the meeting:

1. Shri Ravi Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce
2. Shri Sanjeet Singh, Director, Department of Commerce
3. Shri S.G. Sood, Under Secretary, Department of Commerce.
4. Shri G.S. Sinha, OSD (Cus- IV), CBEC
5. Shri Raj Kumar, Under Secretary, Ministry of Shipping.
6. Shri A.K. Singh, Section Officer, Department of Commerce

2. At the outset, the Chairman called for a detailed examination of existing IMC guidelines for setting up of ICDs./CFSs., their operationalisation and the monitoring system under the existing framework. He further stated that the study should also include the projected volume of the trade by 2020 and projected capacity of the ICDs/CFSs in the catchment area so that the proposals of the Stake holders/entrepreneurs may be examined in a transparent & fair manner. Inputs from the concerned Ministries, i.e. M/o Shipping, M/o Railways, Department of Revenue (CBEC) and Zonal Development Commissioners, SEZ may also be invited for the review of the ICD/CFS policy.

3. Joint Secretary (Infrastructure), Department of Commerce informed that a comprehensive study of the present status of ICDs/CFSs, their capacity and bottlenecks is being undertaken in consultation with Zonal Development Commissioner, SEZs. The study would also incorporate a needs assessment in view of the projected volume of business towards the year 2020. He further stated that a study by IL & FS is also contemplated to arrive at a comprehensive need based roadmap for setting up ICDs/CFSs in future.

In view of above, IMC decided that all the new proposals and proposals for extension of LOI would be considered in light of above.
1. Setting up of a CFS at Manali, Vaikadu Village, Chennai by Sudharsan Logistic (P) Ltd. (F.No.16/1/2011-Infra1)

Representative of the company informed that they have been assigned land by the State Government by way of ‘Deed of Assignment’ which is in the name of the company. IMC noted that the assignment was in the nature of ‘Superdari’ of the land and did not vest ownership of land with the applicant company. CBEC did not support the proposal on the ground that there are two CFSs already operating in the nearby area which do not have sufficient workload to become economically viable. Therefore, setting up of a CFS at Manali, Vaikadu Village, Chennai by Sudharsan Logistic Ltd will not be a worthwhile proposition.

IMC observed that in order to arrive at a comprehensive picture of volume of trade in the catchment area of the proposed ICD in coming 10-15 years, inputs are necessary from the State Government concerned and DC of the Zonal SEZ along with Ministry of Railways (CONCOR, etc.), Ministry of Shipping and DOR (CBEC).

The proposal was deferred for consideration in the next IMC meeting.

2. Setting up ICD at Pali, Rewari, Haryana by Kribhco Infrastructure Limited, Noida-16/29/2010-Infra 1

It was noted that the company has fulfilled the land requirement. However, the representative of the CBEC informed that there are already three functional ICDs namely at Garhi Harsaru, Rewari & Patli and the volume of import & export at these ICDs is far below their actual capacity. Therefore, setting up of another ICD at Pali, Rewari will not be a worthwhile proposition. Ministry of Railways conveyed their no objection to the proposal.

IMC observed that in order to arrive at a comprehensive picture of volume of trade in the catchment area of the proposed ICD in coming 10-15 years, inputs are necessary from the State Government concerned and DC of the Zonal SEZ along with Ministry of Railways (CONCOR, etc.), Ministry of Shipping and DOR (CBEC).

The proposal was deferred for the next meeting.

3. Setting up of ICD at Rai (Sonepat), Haryana by CONCOR (F.No. 16/16/2010-Infra-1)
It was decided to defer the proposal to the next meeting. It was decided that CBEC will furnish their specific comments on the above proposal within two weeks.

IMC observed that in order to arrive at a comprehensive picture of volume of trade in the catchment area of the proposed ICD in coming 10-15 years, inputs are necessary from the State Government concerned and DC of the Zonal SEZ along with Ministry of Railways (CONCOR, etc.), Ministry of Shipping and DOR (CBEC).

4. Setting up a CFS at Vallarapadam, Kochi Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala by Gateway Distriparks (Kerala) Ltd., Kochi, Kerala. (F.No. 16/36/2010-Infra1)

IMC observed that in order to arrive at a comprehensive picture of volume of trade in the catchment area of the proposed ICD in coming 10-15 years, inputs are necessary from the State Government concerned and DC of the Zonal SEZ along with Ministry of Railways (CONCOR, etc.), Ministry of Shipping and DOR (CBEC). The proposal was accordingly deferred.

5. Setting up a CFS at Dighasipur, Bhabanipur, Haldia, Purba Medinipur, W.B by Five Star Container Terminals Private Limited, Mumbai (F.No.16/35/2010-Infra1)

The proposal was approved subject to receipt of favourable comments from Kolkata Port Trust. Representative of Ministry of Shipping informed that they will furnish Port’s comments within two weeks. It was decided that after receipt of comments from Kolkata Port Trust, the decision will be taken on file accordingly.

II Extension of LOI Proposals

6. Setting up of an ICD at Loni (Ghaziabad) by World Window Infrastructure and Logistics Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi - Extension of LOI for one year beyond 20.2.11 (F.No.16/4/2008-Infra 1)


8. Extension of LOI by six months beyond 28.10.10 up to 31.07.2011 for setting up of a CFS at Mamidipally, Ranga Reddy District, A.P. by AP Trade Promotion Corporation Ltd.-F.No.16/8/2009-Infra 1-Volume III

9. Extension of LOI by one year beyond 03.3.11 up to 03.3.12 for setting up of a CFS at Gounderpalayam Chennai by Seahorse Distribution and Freight Services Pvt.Ltd.-F.No.16/19/2007-Infra 1-Volume III
10. Extension of LOI by 2 years beyond 30.11.2010 up to 30.11.2012 for setting up of an ICD at Rangreth, Srinagar by J&K SIDCO F.No.16/37/2005-Infra1

11. Extension of LOI by 12 months beyond 30.12.2010 up to 30.12.11 for setting up of an ICD at Wardha, Maharashtra- by M/s Worlds Window Wardha- F.No.16/05/2008-Infra1

12. Extension of LOI by one year beyond 19.2.11 up to 19.2.12 for setting up of a CFS at Puzhal Village, Thiruvallur, Chennai by Calyx Container Terminal Pvt.Ltd. Mumbai - F.No.16/12/2009-Infra1

13. Extension of LOI up to 27.04.12 for setting up of an ICD at Bangrod, Dist. Ratlam, M.P. by M/s. GSEC, Ahmedabad- F.No.16/11/2009-Infra1

14. Extension of LOI beyond 8.9.2009 up to 31.3.11 for setting up of an ICD at CONCOR’s existing Domestic Container Terminal (DCT) at Khodiyar F.No.16/06/2008-Infra1

15. Extension of LOI by one year two months beyond 31.10.10 up to 31.12.11 for setting up of a CFS at Dighode Village, Raigad, Maharashtra by Fastlane Distriparks and Logistics Limited, Mumbay (formerly Gems Distriparks and Logistics Ltd.)-F.No.16/06/2007-Infra1.

17. Extension of LOI beyond 31.01.11 up to 31.7.11 for setting up of an ICD at Mandavariya (Kishangarh), Rajasthan by Inland Conware Private Ltd.- F.No.16/38/2006-Infra1.Vol.I &II.


19. Extension of LOI for 18 months beyond 5.1.11 for setting up of a Rail /Road Linked ICD at Growth Centre, Bawal (Haryana) by Sanjvik Terminals - F.No.16/21/2008-Infra1.


35. Extension of LOI up to 19.02.2012 beyond 20.02.2011 for setting up of a ICD at Bikaner, Rajasthan by Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation Ltd., Jaipur - F.No.16/03/2008-Infra1.(Additional agenda item)

DECISION: The above cases of extension in LOIs (S.Nos. 6 to 22 & 35) were discussed. IMC examined the specific reasons given by each company in above cases and decided to approve the same.

III Cases of Extension of LOI (where timely extension of LOI has not been sought and Show Cause Notices have been served)

23. Extension of LOI beyond 6.3.2007 issued to Transindia Cargo Systems Pvt.Ltd., Navi Mumbai for setting up of a CFS at Shirdhon near JNPT-F.No. 16/5/2006-Infra1

IMC considered facts of the case and after deliberations decided that the proposal could not be accepted. However, the applicant was free to apply again as per norms.


The proposal was approved.


The proposal was approved.


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27. Extension of LOI beyond 06.06.2009 up to 14.03.2012 for setting up of a CFS at Chennai by M/s Triway Warehouses & Holding Pvt. Ltd., Chennai- F.No.16/12/2007-Infra1

The proposal was approved.

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IV : CANCELLATION OF LOI CASES


Representative of the company informed the Committee that they have procured requisite land and the same can be transferred to their company only after conversion of land use, which will be permitted upon submitting to Govt. of Rajasthan an effective LOI. They therefore requested that LOI may be extended up to 31.03.2012.

It was decided that CBEC & M/o Railways will furnish their specific comments on the above proposal. Thereafter, the proposal will be examined on file by DOC after receipt of requisite comments.

30. Cancellation of LOI issued to M/s Arshiya International Ltd., for setting up of a CFS at Village Sai, Taluka Panvel, (JNPT)-F.No. 16/10/2007-Infra1

After considering the facts of the case, it was decided to cancel the LOI granted to the company.

31. Cancellation of LOI issued to M/ Avanthi Logistics Pvt. Ltd. for setting up of a CFS at Vichur Villag, Ambatur Taluk, Chennai -F.No.16/15/2006-Infra1

After considering the facts of the case, it was decided to cancel the LOI granted to the Company. The company could apply afresh

V Change of nomenclature from CFS to ICD

32. Proposal from Indev Logistics Private Limited,Chennai for upgradation of CFS to ICD at Pondicherry for which LOI was issued to Continental Container Freight Stations Pvt.Ltd.on 9/21.9.2004- F.No.16/12/2003-Infra1

Representative of the company informed the Committee that they have sufficient land available for conversion from CFS to ICD. The proposal was approved subject to the condition that the company will submit land documents required for setting up ICD. After receipt of the requisite land documents, the case will be processed on file by DOC.
VI : Change of name of the Company

33. Proposal received from Continental Multimodal Terminal Limited for change in Company name from Kribhco Continental Multimodal Logistics Park Limited to Continental Multimodal Terminals Limited. – F.No.- 16/17/2010-Infra-1

CBEC recommended the proposal.

It was decided that the company may file details of share holding pattern, list of Directors & other management details. The proposal will be examined on file by DOC after receipt of requisite documents.

34. Proposal to set up separate ICD/CFS exclusively for handling hazardous cargo- implications of the Circular dated 10.01.2011- F.No.16/8/2011-Infra 1

Representative of CBEC informed the Committee the matter is sub-judice and they have sought the comments of M/o Environment & Forests on the issue.

IMC observed that CBEC should specify the reasons for not accepting a proposal for storing hazardous goods separately and inform the Committee regarding the instructions/circulars of CBEC regarding storage of hazardous cargo. Moreover, such matters may be referred to IMC with detailed comments for discussion & decision. Representative of CBEC was requested to give their detailed comments in this regard.

The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.