Minutes of the meeting of Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) for consideration of proposals for setting up of ICDs/CFSs held under the Chairmanship of Shri M. Prasad, Additional Secretary (Infrastructure), Department of Commerce on 14th March, 2012

Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) met on 14.3.12 in Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi, with Shri M. Prasad, Additional Secretary, DoC in Chair, for consideration of proposals for setting up Inland Container Depots (ICDs) / Container Freight Stations (CFSs) in India. Following officials participated in the meeting:

1. Shri Ravi Capoor, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce
2. Shri H.D. Gujarati, Executive Director (TT-S), M/o Railways, New Delhi
3. Shri Sanjeet Singh, Director, Department of Commerce
4. Shri Srinivasa Naik, Director, Ministry of Shipping
5. Shri C. P. S. Bakshi, Development Commissioner, Noida SEZ
6. Shri G.S. Sinha, OSD (Customs), CBEC, Department of Revenue
7. Shri S.G. Sood, Under Secretary, Department of Commerce.
8. Shri N.K Sinha, Section Officer, CBEC, Department of Revenue
9. Shri A.K. Singh, Section Officer, Department of Commerce


IMC ratified the minutes of IMC meetings held on 20.1.2012 & 7.2.2012.

II: DEFERRED PROPOSALS OF IMC MEETING held on 7.2.2012

1. Setting up of an ICD at Village Panchi Gujaram, District Sonepat, Haryana by BoxTrans Logistics Services (India) Pvt. Ltd. (File No.16/40/2011-Infra1)

CBEC vide their letter dated 14.3.12 supported the proposal for setting up of ICD by M/s BoxTrans Logistics Services (India) Pvt. Ltd at Sonepat stating that the matter has been revisited by the Commissioner of Central Excise, Rohtak in view of the observation of the IMC meeting held on 7.2.2012 and the proposed rail linked ICD at Village Panchi Gujaram, Sonepat, Haryana by the company appears viable considering the advantage of proposed rail head linked ICD.
After discussion, it was decided that DC, NOIDA SEZ shall visit the premises of the company along with that of CONCOR and nearby areas and submit a report on the projected traffic volume vis-à-vis existing ones in order to ascertain the viability of the proposed projects.

Accordingly, the proposal was deferred for the next meeting.

2. **Setting up of ICD at Rai (Sonepat), Haryana by CONCOR (F.No. 16/16/2010-Infra-1)**

CBEC vide their letter dated 14.3.12 supported the proposal for setting up of ICD by CONCOR at Rai stating that the matter has been revisited by the Commissioner of Central Excise, Rohtak in view of the observation of IMC held on 7.2.2012 and the proposed ICD at Rai by CONCOR appears viable with the condition that there is no need for retaining other ICDs in the same area at Kundli which is lying closed for the last 4-5 years and at Panipat, which is functioning more like a CFS without adequate infrastructure facility and having very small volume of only export activities.

Chairman, IMC observed that there is no justification in linking the two issues i.e. consideration of present proposal and closing down other ICDs in the nearby area.

After discussion, it was decided that DC, NOIDA SEZ shall visit the premises of CONCOR and M/s BoxTrans Logistics Services (India) Pvt. Ltd. and nearby areas and submit a report on the projected traffic volume vis-à-vis existing ones in order to ascertain the viability of the proposed projects.

Accordingly, the proposal was deferred for the next meeting.

3. **Setting up of a Rail Linked CFS at Kathivakkam Village, Saidapettaluka, North of Chennai by Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited (Erstwhile Kothari Madras Limited), Chennai. No.16/39/2011-Infra1**

Representative of M/o Railways informed that the company has not submitted the requisite documents to the Zonal Railway for getting the “in-principle” approval of Railways. Representative of the company was advised to submit the requisite documents.

Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.


It was noted that a visit to CFSs operating in and around JNPT Port by the senior officials of Deptt. of Commerce, M/o Shipping, CBEC and M/o Railways to have first hand information on prevailing congestion took place on 5.3.2012. The report submitted by Director(Infrastructure), DoC was discussed during the meeting. Thereafter, it was decided that representative of Ministry of Shipping will make available the Master Plan of JNPT to examine the matter in totality after
plotting on the Plan the existing/pending proposals of ICD/CFS. It was also decided that Dy. Chairman, JNPT may be invited during the next IMC meeting to make a presentation on road and rail connectivity in and around JNPT with reference to the Master Plan of JNPT.

Accordingly, the proposal was deferred. The applicant company has shown a lot of enthusiasm to set up CFS. This CFS location should be plotted on the Master Plan and representative requested to attend next meeting on 18.5.2012.

5. Setting up of a CFS at Hosur, in Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu by Pearl Ports and Warehousing Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore (F.No. 16/5/2011-Infra-1)

CBEC has communicated vide their letter dated 23.2.2012 that since the proposed facility is not located in the jurisdiction of any Commissioner of Customs, who is already exercising control over any ICD/CFS on account of legal, administrative and technical issue, the proposed facility can not be operated as a CFS. However, such facility can be notified as ICD as an independent Customs Station with provisions for filing and assessment of documents and examination of goods subject to fulfillment of conditions stipulated by Ministry of Commerce & Industry and adherence to the provisions contained in ‘Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations 2009’. This will require change in application by the applicant.

In view of the recommendations of CBEC, it was decided to approve the proposal as an ICD. Since the company has only 1.9 hectares of land, it was also decided to allow relaxation of the land requirement as per para 3 Part B of the Guidelines for setting up of ICD/CFS. If any paper work is required from the applicant company, these may be obtained.

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

It was noted that CBEC vide their letter dated 5.3.2012 has recommended the proposal. However, during the meeting representative of CBEC sought one more extension for further examination of the proposal.

IMC observed that since CBEC has already supported the proposal in writing, it was decided to approve the case.

7. Setting up of a CFS at Nandiyambakkam Village, Minjur Panchayat, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Chennai by NDR Infrastructure Private Limited. (File No.16/35/2011-Infra1)

It was observed that M/o Shipping and Chennai Port have supported the proposal.

It was noted that CLU Certificate from the company is still awaited. Representative of the company was advised to submit a copy of Govt.’s Notification declaring the area in & around Ennore Port as an industrial area.
Accordingly, the proposal was deferred. The case may be put up to the IMC only after the requisite
paper work on land is completed by the applicant company.

8. Setting up of a CFS at Kalamassery, Kochi, Kerala by M/s Periyar Chemicals Ltd. Kerala.  
   (No.16/35/2011-Infra1)

IMC was informed that the land documents submitted by the company are under examination on 
file. The company has been asked to furnish additional information in respect of their land for the 
project. Chairman, IMC directed that the case be put in the IMC meeting only when the issue of 
requisite land availability is decided on the file.

III: NEW PROPOSALS

9. Setting up of a CFS by M/s Kern Logistics Private Ltd. at Mevalooruppam-B, Village, 
   Sriperumbudur, Kanceepuram District (F.No. 16/2/2012-Infra 1)

It was noted that comments from the CBEC, M/o Railways and M/o Shipping/Port Authority are 
awaited. Accordingly the proposal was deferred.

10. Setting up of a ICD by The Thar dry Port (a Unit of Hasti Petro Chemicals) ICD at 
    KherdaDistt. Vadodara, Gujarat. (F.No. 16/16/2011-Infra 1)

It was noted that comments from the CBEC, M/o Railways and M/o Shipping/Port Authority are 
awaited. Accordingly the proposal was deferred.

IV: OLD DEFERRED CASES

11. OLD DEFERRED PROPOSALS FOR WHICH REQUISITE LAND DOCUMENTS 
    HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED (F.No. 16/06/2011-Infra 1)

(i) Proposal of M/s Caravel Logistics Pvt. Ltd, Chennai for setting up CFS at Edayanchadi 
    Village – Port Chennai in Tamilnadu.

   Representative of the company informed that they have procured the requisite land for the proposal. The 
   company was directed to submit the requisite land documents within a period of three months. The case will 
   be reviewed after three months.

(ii) Proposal of M/s Seahorse Distribution & Freight Services Pvt. Ltd, Chennai

   (a) for setting up CFSs at Shirdon (JNPT) 
   (b) for setting up CFS at Village Kadiyali (Pipavav, Dstt. Amreli).

   Representative of the company informed that they are in the process of registering the lease deeds. The 
   company was directed to submit the requisite land documents within a period of three months. The case will 
   be reviewed after three months. Representative of the company also submitted an undertaking that they
would submit the requisite land documents within the stipulated period, failing which their cases may be treated as closed.

(iii) Setting up CFS at Villages Chudwea and Mithirohar, Gandhidham, Kutch, Gujarat by M/s Fairdeal Freight Solutions, Kutch

It was noted that the company has submitted the proposal with land documents, which are being examined on file.

(iv) (a) Setting up CCS at Methwada Village, Deependpur Taluk, Indore Distt. MP by M/s Continental Warehousing Corporation Ltd., Chennai

(b) Setting up a Rail Linked ICD at Parur Village, Virudachalam Tk. ChdldoreDistt., Tamil Nadu by Continental Warehousing Corporation Ltd., Chennai

© Setting up a ICD at Rail Majra Village, Biachaur Block, Nawanshahr Distt. Punjab by Continental Warehousing Corporation Ltd., Chennai

(d) Setting up a ICD at Doddabele Village, Nelamangala TK, Bangalore by Continental Warehousing Corporation Ltd., Chennai

(e) Setting up ICD at Tada, Nellore District, A.P. by Continental Warehousing Corporation Ltd., Chennai

(f) Setting up a ICD at Fathepur Village, TarauThesil, Mewat by Continental Warehousing Corporation Ltd., Chennai

Representative of the company informed that out of their six proposals mentioned above, the company is interested in setting up only the ICD at Rail Majra Village, Biachaur Block, Nawanshahr Distt, Punjab. The company was directed to submit the requisite land documents within a period of three months. The case will be reviewed after three months, and the balance five cases are to be treated as closed.

(v) Setting up of ICD by M/s KSH Distriparks at Chakan, Near Pune

   Representative of the company informed that the company has been allotted land by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) on lease basis for 99 years and is free of all encumbrances. However, final signing of papers has been delayed on account of some acquisition related issues that MIDC is currently solving with the farmers.

The company was directed to submit the requisite land documents within a period of three months. The case will be reviewed after three months.

(vi) Setting up CFS at Kochi by M/s Central Warehousing Corporation Ltd.
Representative of M/s Central Warehousing Corporation Ltd. (CWC) informed that FACT have already approached Govt. of Kerala for granting them necessary permission for leasing the land to CWC for establishing CFS. The land lease agreement is likely to be finalized in 3 months.

The company was directed to submit the requisite land documents within a period of three months. The case will be reviewed after three months.

As directed by the Chairman, IMC, all old pending cases were taken up and given an opportunity to present their case to the IMC. Letters were addressed to about 30 old cases; response was received only in respect of cases discussed in Section IV. It was decided that these remaining cases where there was no response, letters will be written to give last opportunity to present their case on 18.5.2012. Thereafter these cases will be closed.

V: EXTENSION OF LOI CASES


The proposal was approved.


The proposal was approved.

Concluding the meeting, the Chairman decided to convene the next Meeting of IMC at 3.00 PM on 18 May 2012.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.