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 20th January, 2012

Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) met on 20.01.2012 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 Kapoor, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce
2. Shri H.D. Gujarati, Executive Director (TT-S), M/o Railways, New Delhi
3. Shri Sanjeeet Singh, Director, Department of Commerce
4. Shri Srinivasa Naik, Director, Ministry of Shipping
5. Shri A K Goel, STO (TU), CBEC, Department of Revenue
6. Shri S.G. Sood, Under Secretary, Department of Commerce.
7. Shri N K Sinha, Section Officer, CBEC, Department of Revenue
8. Shri A.K. Singh, Section Officer, Department of Commerce

At the outset, Chairman, IMC pointed out that the meeting was earlier scheduled for 5th January, 2012 but many Departments had not sent their comments, and therefore, it was postponed to 20th January, 2012. Inspite of reminders, the Chairman, observed that still comments have not been received in a large number of agenda items. After taking a round of introduction of the officers representing their Departments, the Chairman pointed out that representation should be by a suitable level officer. He urged all the Departments to give IMC the respect that it deserves.

Thereafter, the agenda for the meeting was taken up for decision.

I : RATIFICATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE IMC MEETING HELD ON 8.6.2011

IMC ratified the minutes of IMC meeting held on 8.6.2011.

II NEW PROPOSALS

1. Setting up of a CFS at Devangonthi near Whitefield, Bangalore (Karnataka) by Marigold Logistics Private Limited (File No.16/22/2011-Infra1)
The proposal was approved.

2. Setting up of a CFS at Village Khopta, Uran Taluka, Raigad District, Maharashtra by TransIndia Logistics Park Private Limited. (File No.16/18/2011-Infra 1)

Representative of Railways informed that a large number of CFSs are already in operation near the JNPT Port and addition of new CFS will further add to the congestion already prevailing at the JNPT. It was therefore decided that Ministry of Shipping will collect the data of total capacity of traffic volume which may be handled by the JNPT Port vis-à-vis existing traffic volume being managed by the CFSs in and around JNPT area before taking up the case in the next IMC meeting. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred. It was also decided that the company may be asked to provide the details of provision of EDI connectivity in their proposed CFS.

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

It was noted that M/o Shipping has no objection to the proposal. However, M/o Railways and CBEC have not furnished their comments so far. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred for the next meeting.

4. Setting up 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 noted that M/o Shipping and CBEC have not furnished their comments. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred. It was also decided to procure CLU & Non-acquisition certificate from the company.

5. Setting up a CFS at Kalamassery, Kochi, Kerala by M/s Periyar Chemicals Ltd. Kerala. (No.16/35/2011-Infra1)
It was noted that M/o Shipping have convey their no objection to the proposal. However, CBEC have not furnished their comments so far. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.

It was also decided that the company may be asked to provide CLU Certificate & Non-acquisition Certificate from the company.

6. Setting up 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

It was noted that M/o Shipping have no objection to the proposal.. However, M/o Railways and CBEC have not furnished their comments. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.

So far as ownership of the land is concerned, the Under Secretary, Doc confirmed that necessary documents have been received. The Chairman, observed that it is sufficient for the Office to confirm the ownership through necessary documents received with application and IMC need not be bothered with details of the history how the applicant acquired ownership of the land.

7. Setting up of a CFS at Visakapatnam by M/s Sravan Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd. (No.16/32/2011-Infra1)

It was noted that Ministry of Shipping and CBEC have recommended the proposal. The proposal was approved.


It was noted that M/o Railways, M/o Shipping and CBEC have not furnished their comments. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred. It was also decided to procure CLU & Non-acquisition certificate from the company.

Representative of Railways informed that a large number of CFSs are already in operation near the JNPT Port and addition of a new CFS will further add to the congestion already prevailing at the JNPT. It was therefore decided that Ministry of Shipping will collect the data of total capacity of traffic volume which may be handled by the JNPT Port vis-à-vis existing traffic volume being managed by the CFSs in and around JNPT areaissue.
It was decided that a visit to CFSs operating in and around JNPT Port may be made by the senior officials of Department of Commerce, M/o Shipping and M/o Railways to have first hand information on prevailing congestion. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.

9. Proposal of M/S Western Gateway Cargo Services Private Limited for setting up of a CFS in Ambur, Ambur Taluk, Vellore District to be attached to ICD Melpakkam, Arakkonam.

It was noted that M/o Shipping have recommended the proposal. However, representative of CBEC informed that they do not support the proposal as it does not appear to be economically sustainable due to low volumes. However, it was noted that concerned Commissioner of Customs has recommended the proposal as technical feasible.

Further, it was observed that ‘Ambur’ is the heart of leather and leather products in Tamil Nadu with a huge export potential. It has been recognized by Govt. of India as ‘TEE’ for leather products.

It was also observed that currently all exports /imports are handled only from the CFSs located at Chennai and there is no CFS in Ambur region. The proposed CFS at Ambur would give huge trade support and logistics support to the exporters/ importers. It was observed, therefore, that the proposed CFS will get sufficient export business from the area and also for import. The applicant also proposes to pick up cargo from the Chemical hub at Ranipet which lies in between Ambur and Chennai Port.

Accordingly, the proposal was approved.


It was noted that M/o Railways have no comments to offer. However, comments from Ministry of Shipping and CBEC are still awaited. Accordingly the proposal was deferred.

11. 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)

It was noted that M/o Railways, M/o Shipping and also CBEC have not furnished their comments. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.
12. Setting up of a CFS at Vallarpadam, Cochin, Keral by M/s MIV Logistics Private Limited (F.No. 16/27/2011-Infra-1)

It was noted that M/o Railways, M/o Shipping and CBEC have not furnished their comments. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.

III : DEFERRED PROPOSALS

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

It was noted that M/o Railways has no objection to the proposed ICD. However, comments from Ministry of Shipping and CBEC are awaited. According the proposal was deferred.

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

M/o Railways has conveyed their no objection to the proposal. Comments from M/o Shipping & CBEC are still awaited. Chairman, IMC asked the representative of CBEC to furnish their comments within a week. According the proposal was deferred.

15. 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 approved the proposal ex-post facto.

IV : CANCELLATION OF LOI CASES

16. Cancellation of LOI issued to M/s Hind Concor Terminals Private Ltd., Mumbai for setting up an ICD at Dadri

IMC decided to cancel the LOI granted to the company.

V Change of nomenclature from CFS to ICD

17. Proposal of CONCOR for converting the status of CONCOR Terminal at Tondiarpet (TNPM) from CFS to ICD - File No.16/38/2011-Infra 1

IMC approved the proposal ex-post facto.
VI Change of name of the Company

18. Change of name from Maersk India Private Limited to APM Terminals India Private Limited. (F.No.16/11/2007-Infra-1)

It was noted that M/o Railways, M/o Shipping and CBEC have not furnished their comments so far. Accordingly, the proposal was deferred.

VII (MISCELLANEOUS)


It was noted that CBEC, Department of revenue have issued circulars for handling hazardous cargo without consulting the IMC, which has changed the basic functioning of ICDs/CFSs. Therefore, IMC expressed its deep concern over this issue..

It was decided that CBEC will furnish their comments on the issue for taking up the matter in totality in the IMC meeting, which is the appropriate inter-departmental body to decide such matters.

20. The proposal of M/s. Navkar Corporation Ltd. for seeking permission for handling domestic cargo / container in their CFS using rail connectivity. (F.No.16/5/2009-Infra 1)

The proposal was approved subject to the conditions imposed by CBEC that the area needed for domestic operations needs to be effectively delineated by a boundary wall and it should have a separate exist/entrance. The area of CFS should accordingly be curtailed.

VIII (EXTENSION OF LOI CASES)

1 Extension of LOI from 1.7.2011 to 31.03.2012 for setting up of CFS by M/s Sattva Conware Private Limited No.11,Seventh cross Street, Lake Area, Numgambakkam-File No.16/21/2009-Infra 1

The proposal was approved.

2 Extension of LOI from 1.7.2011 to 30.06.2012 for setting up of CFS by Sri Balaji Ware-housing & Pest Control Services Pvt.Ltd., B-201,Neelkanth Darshan, Opposite to New Panvel Flyover, Old Mumbai Pune Road, Panvel, Raigad Dist F.No.16/33/2009-Infra1
The proposal was approved

3 Extension of LOI from 1.7.2011 to 30.06.2012 for setting up of CFS by M/s Apeejay Infralogistics Private Limited, Kolkata Apeejay House, 15 Park Street, Kolkata-700 016 Fax No.033-2217 2075.File No.16/16/2009-Infra1

The proposal was approved. It was decided that no further extension will be granted to the company.

4 Extension of LOI from 1.8.2011 to 31.01.2012 for setting up of ICD by M/s Adani Logistics Ltd., Adani Corporate House, Plot No.83 Sector 32, Institutional Area, Gurgaon F.No 16/38/2006-Infra 1

IMC decided to cancel the LOI dated 1.8.2007 granted to the Company. However, the company is free to apply afresh.

5 Extension of LOI from 2.9.2011 to 1.9.2012 for setting up of ICD by M/s Allcargo Global Logistics Ltd. Diamond Square, 5th Floor CST Road, Kalina, Santacruz (E) Mumbai-400 098 F.No.16/34/2007-Infra 1

The proposal was approved subject to the condition that no further extension will be granted to the company. The company also submitted an undertaking that they would complete the project within the extended period of LOI, failing which their LOI shall be cancelled.

6 Extension of LOI from 1.7.2011 to 30.06.2012 for setting up of CFS by M/s Central Warehousing Corporation, 4/1, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, New Delhi, F.No.16/22/2008-Infra 1

The proposal was approved subject to the condition that no further extension will be granted to the company. The company was asked to submit an undertaking that they would complete the project within the extended period of LOI, failing which their LOI shall be cancelled.

7 Extension of LOI from 11.9.11 to 31.03.2012 for setting up of ICD by M/s Transglobal Inland Container Services Pvt. Ltd., P.B.4501, Veekay Tower, T.A.B. Road Kochi-682018 F.No. 16/22/2009-Infra1

The proposal was approved.

8 Extension of LOI from 11.11.2011 to 11.05.2012 by M/s Indev Logistics Private limited CHA No. R-57 A No.81(No.41) Thambuchetty Street. Chennai-600001-
The proposal was approved.

9 Extension of LOI from 1.12.2011 to 30.05.2012 for setting up of ICD by M/s Apeejay Infralogistics Private Ltd., Apeejay House, 15 Park Street Kolkata-700 016 -F.No.16/17/2009-Infra 1

The proposal was approved.


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11 Extension of LOI from 2.6.2011 to 1.6.2012 for setting up of CFS by M/s. L&T Shipbuilding File No. 16/12/2010-Infra 1

The proposal was approved.

12 Extension of LOI from 1.1.2012 to 30.06.2012 for setting up of ICD by M/s Container Corporation of India CONCOR Bhavan C-3 Mathura Road, New Delhi-110076 (File No. 16/24/2009-Infra 1

The proposal was approved. It was decided to write a letter from Commerce Secretary to the Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh for expeditious completion of road construction so that the proposed ICD gets operational at the earliest.


The proposal was approved subject to the condition that no further extension will be granted to the company. The company also submitted an undertaking that they would complete the project within the extended period of LOI, failing which their LOI shall be cancelled.
14 Extension of LOI from 3.3.2012 to 2.9.2012 for setting up of CFS by M/s Seahorse Distribution and Freight Services Pvt. Ltd. No.21, (Old No.18), Swami Sivananda Salai Chepauk, Chennai-600 005

The proposal was approved subject to the condition that no further extension will be granted to the company. The company also submitted an undertaking that they would complete the project within the extended period of LOI, failing which their LOI shall be cancelled.

15 Extension of LOI from 1.1.2012 to 31.12.2012 for setting up of CFS by Fastlane Distriparks and Logistics Limited 13/14, Khetan Bhavan, 3rd Floor, 198 Jamshedji Tata Road Church gate Road Mumbai-400020

It was decided to get the premises of the company inspected from DC, SEEPZ- SEZ before taking up the issue of grant of extension in LOI. Accordingly the proposal was deferred.

16 Extension of LOI from 1.1.2012 to 30.06.2012 for setting up of ICD by M/s World Window Wardha Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. E-40/3, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-II, New Delhi-110020 F.No.16/21/2011-Infra 1

The proposal was approved

Concluding the meeting, Chairman, IMC observed that decision on a large number of agenda items could not be taken since comments have not been received from the Departments, especially CBEC. The representative of CBEC observed that it will take his Department one more week to furnish the comments. Keeping this suggestion in mind, it was decided to convene the next Meeting of IMC at 3.00 PM on 7th February, 2012.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.