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- All the regulatory authorities like PHO, PQ, FSSAI were approached seeking application for accommodation of office space at KDS. Only FSSAI has recently come up with a request for providing an accommodation at KDS and the same is being processed. While at HDC, office space has already been provided to PHO and PQ by Port Authority, FSSAI presently does not have any office at Haldia. Although FSSAI has been offered office / residential space along with space for setting up analytical laboratory at Haldia by the Port Authority, they have not confirmed the acceptance of the same. In fact, FSSAI officials currently visit Haldia from their Kolkata office and collect the samples and have the same tested through their authorised laboratories in and around Kolkata.
- In respect of Direct Delivery of Containers at HDC, all categories of importers are allowed to take direct delivery of the same from the Dock. At KDS, during April - May 2016, around 48% of the import load containers were delivered directly to the consignees from the Port (Customs ACP clients and Port Volume Customers).
- Wharfage on cars manufactured in India and coming by Ro-Ro coastal vessels has been reduced w.e.f from 07.06.2016, from Rs.2799.36 per car to Rs.700.00 per car (when 500 or more cars are coming per voyage) and Rs.800.00 per car (when less than 500 cars are coming per voyage). As a promotional measure for movement of indigenous cars, trucks and equipment through coastal Ro-Ro / PCTC vessels at HDC, concessional wharfage @ Rs. 1000/- per unit for passenger cars and @ Rs. 1,500/- per unit for trucks / equipment have been proposed. Free time for storage of such cars / trucks / equipment has also been proposed to be extended from the existing 3 days to 7 days. Further, coastal Ro-Ro / PCTC vessels will enjoy higher calling / sailing priority, subject to handling of minimum 500 units of such vehicles per voyage. However, the above promotional measures will be implemented with the approval of the Board.
- A committee constituted in connection with levy of concessional tariff for rendering services after regular hours has since submitted its report, which is being processed for implementation.
- The issue of e-delivery order is being dealt with at the level of IPA for adopting a process flow through PCS. A workshop in this regard was held at IPA, New Delhi on 08.06.2016, where-in it has been decided that a pilot project will be executed at JNPT (expected completion : 3 months) after which the module will be implemented in other ports. The existing AGDORD (Agent Delivery Order) message will be modified for the requirement of eDO. KoPT highlighted that Transporters are not recognized by KoPT for the purpose of taking delivery and as such C&F Agents licensed by port will be registered for undertaking the role proposed for transporters. It was also highlighted that since RFID based port access control is expected to commence by 1st week of August, 2016, PCS should also make the provision for pursuing with the vehicle/driver related information generated from RFID based access control module and validate the same with VAHAN/ SARATHI databases.
- > Forms 11 & 13 are not used at Kolkata Port.
- > Leveraging IT and ITeS for enhancing ease of doing business :
 - IGMs are electronically engrossed through PCS and get integrated into POMS at KDS, while at HDC, IGMs are being received electronically through PCS in 50-60% cases of dry bulk and liquid cargo vessels. However, in other cases, IGMs are not being received electronically through PCS.
 - Web-based issue of EGP
 - Web-based issue of Permits
 - Issue of Bills for various services related to Vessel, Berth, Container and Cargo through e-mail
 - Implementation of POMS (Port Operations Management System). This provides for efficient management of Vessel, Berth, Container & Cargo, including Billing. Also integrated with PCS and BKCT.
 - Implementation of PCS (Port Community System). This provides an online interface for exchange of data among various port users, agents and POMS application in order to facilitate efficient vessel and cargo / container operations, including online payment of port dues.
 - Integration of Weigh Bridge data with POMS.
 - KoPT Website has been enhanced to provide online info and services, like, Vessel position, Berth position, Container position, Bills of Port Dues, Status of Port Dues Payment, Deposit A/c Status, Party Bill payment status, Pensioners' Info (like, Pension, Forms, Circulars), etc.
 - RFID based Vehicle Tracking and Management System has been initiated.
 - e-Procurement has already been implemented.
 - Common structured business delivery framework in line with Custom is in the pipeline.