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FFFAI Chairman highlights issues and recommends at DG System Webinar held on December 16

On December 16, 2021, **DG System and Data Management**, CBIC organised a Webinar on “Initiatives and Changes made in the System; Problems Faced and Trouble Shooting for Users”. The Webinar was organised in association with the **Federation of Freight Forwarders in India (FFFAI)**. Participated by all Office Bearers, a large number of FFFAI members and Customs Brokers from across the country, the Webinar was addressed by **Mr Sandeep Kumar**, Member IT, CBIC and **Mr Shankar Shinde**, Chairman, FFFAI. Panel speakers from CBIC also included **Mr S R Baruah**, Pr. DG Systems; **Mr Anuj Gogia**, Pr. Addl. DG; **Mr Amit Sunal**, Dy. Director; **Mr Piyush Bharadwaj**, Jt. Director Systems; **Mr Atul Singh**, Jt. Director System. Also spoke on the occasion from FFFAI were **Mr AV Vijayakumar**, Immediate Past Chairman; **Mr S Ramakrishna**, past Chairman; **Mr Dushyant Mulani**, Chairman Elect; **Mr S. Nataraja**, Vice Chairman and EDI OB in charge and **Mr Vinod Sharma**, Hon. Secretary.



Mr Sandeep Kumar-Member IT-CBIC

In his inaugural speech **Mr Sandeep Kumar** elaborated on various IT initiatives taken by CBIC and glitches as well as regard to ICEGATE, which

would take a little time to be streamlined. He assured all kinds of support from the DG System to the trade people, so that the exim trade could be further facilitated and the government's target as regard to enhancing the foreign trade is achieved in a stipulated time, in collaboration with the CB community.

Mr Sandeep Kumar asserted CB Community as Partner of CBIC for making the IT initiatives a success. He also stated that being the Partner of CBIC, FFFAI is expected to take much more pro-active role in the Governments endeavor for complete digitization and least physical interfaces regarding cargo clearance. According to him, the gaps can be filled up through proper tracking and joint efforts of FFFAI as a national platform, and CBIC.

Mr Shankar Shinde, Chairman,
FFFAI

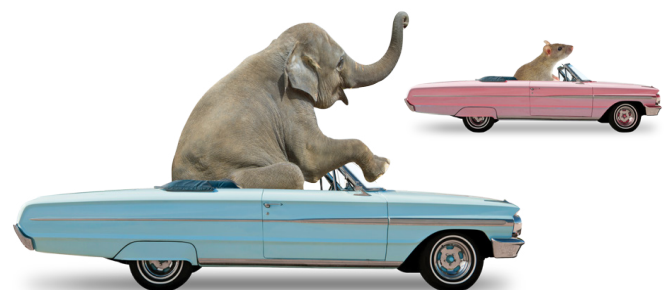
Mr Shankar Shinde, while welcoming Mr Sandeep Kumar, other CBIC Officers, OBs of FFFAI and all members who attended the webinar highlighted that FFFAI being a national platform for the CB community provides regular feedbacks and recommendations from across the country to CBIC for streamlining cargo clearance. He commended CBIC's

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Webinar on Initiatives and Changes made in the DG System

continuous efforts towards trade facilitation, especially during COVID-19 pandemic time.

Highlighting some issues being faced by the CB community, Mr Shinde urged CBIC to put serious

thought as regard to Late Filing Charges, which is beyond a CB's control.

While presenting the issues and recommendations the FFFAI Chairman-Elect **Mr Dushyant Mulani** highlighted the following

aspects seeking proper solutions in the DG System to facilitate the foreign trade and Ease of Doing Business:

- Lifetime validity of CB licenses should be provided in EDI

system in terms of CBIC Circular No. 17/2021-Customs dated 23rd July, 2021.

- Capturing of KYC data of all stakeholders should be online.
- Online module for CB related information including custom passes needs to be provided on ICEGATE.
- Dashboard should be created on ICEGATE for location-wise pendency along with escalation mechanism for pending consignments.
- Availability of Bill of Entry/ Shipping Bill PDF copy should be on ICEGATE portal instead of transmission through email.
- There should be Advisory from ICEGATE during ICES/ICEGATE/E-SANCHIT downtime.
- API integration required with real time data exchange with stakeholder.

- Provide Bill of Entry and Shipping Bill process history on line for records and system updates.

Highlighting the specific requirements on Imports **Mr S. Nataraja, Vice Chairman, FFFAI** urged for the following documents to be available in the DG System/ICEGATE:

- Examination order PDF copy of Bill of Entry after filing of inward entry date
- First copy Bill of Entry after completion of the amendment.
- License ledger

He also emphasized on streamlining of the Amendment process of bill of entry and restarting email facility intimating completion of Amendment. According to him, in case of part shipments facility to carry out online, Amendments needs to be implemented.



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