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Ministry of Civil Aviation

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Constitution of Air Cargo Logistic Promotion Board as an Inter-Ministerial Group.

Air Cargo Logistics play a vital role in the economic development of a nation. The Demand for air cargo transportation has increased significantly over the last few years due to shortened life cycles of the products and increased demand for rapid delivery of goods. Air Cargo Industry is considered as a barometer of Economic Health of the country as nearly one-third of India’s international trade is through Air. Domestic Air Cargo industry in India is also emerging in importance recently.

2. Ministry of Civil Aviation is the nodal Ministry for Air Cargo Industry. Keeping in view the significance of Air Cargo to the economic growth of the country, the Ministry constituted a Working Group on Air Cargo/Express Service Industry, inter-alia to establish priorities of issues and recommend policy initiatives to address issues of significant importance to the Air Cargo/Express Service Industry in India and to advise on the action plans to aid implementation and monitor impact of implementation. The Working Group has submitted its report to the Ministry, which is uploaded in the website of the Ministry. (http://civilaviation.gov.in/cs/groups/public/documents/document/moca_001669.pdf).

3. One of the recommendations of the Working Group is to constitute an Inter-Ministerial Group to steer through the reforms suggested in the report.

4. Accordingly, it has been decided in the Ministry to constitute an Air Cargo Logistics Promotion Board as an Inter-Ministerial Group with the following composition:-

i) Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation - Chairman

Members:

ii) Representative of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

iii) Representative of Department of Commerce

- iv) Representative of Ministry of Environment & Forests
- v) Representative of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- vi) Representative of Ministry of Home Affairs
- vii) Representative of Planning Commission
- viii) Representative of Ministry of Railways
- ix) Representative of Department of Revenue
- x) Representative of Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- xi) Representative of Airports Authority of India*
- xii) Representative of Ministry of Shipping
- xiii) Representative of Central Board of Excise & Customs
- xiv) Representative of Container Corporation of India Ltd.
- xv) Joint Secretary dealing with Airport Infrastructure, Ministry of Civil Aviation
- xvi) Commissioner of Security, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
- xvii) Economic Advisor, Ministry of Civil Aviation - Member Secretary

(* as Air Navigation Service Provider)

(Officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Govt. of India would represent the Ministry/Department/organization)

4. The Board may co-opt representatives of any other Ministry/Department of Govt. of India, State Governments, financial institutions, and professional experts and representatives of the Industry as and when necessary.

5. Whenever the Board co-opts any non-official member, such member will be eligible for TA/DA to attend the Board Meetings as per the entitlement equivalent to that of an officer of the level of 'Director' in Central Government in this regard.

6. The broad framework of functions of the Board will be

- To resolve Inter-Ministerial issues that affect the air cargo logistics operations in the country and to achieve better efficiency;
- To co-ordinate with the State Governments on inter-alia issues relating to Inter-Modal connectivity;
- To review, on a continuous basis the general and sectoral policy regimes governing Air Cargo Logistics operations with a view to remove bottlenecks to efficiency;

- To review and monitor the functioning of Cargo Facilitation Committee that are headed by Airport Directors of AAI and other private/JV airports with a view to review the effectiveness of these bodies;
 - **To lay down policy guidelines for setting up of Air Cargo facilities at Airports, Air Freight Stations/Cargo Villages including guidelines for Public Private Partnership model of development of these facilities;**
 - To act as a coordinating agency to ensure expeditious clearance of the proposals for setting up of Air Cargo facilities at Airports, Air Freight Stations/Cargo Villages in the country subject to fulfillment of all statutory requirements;
 - To lay down performance standards relating to quality of service in the air cargo logistics supply chain to be monitored by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) for implementation.
 - To review the progress on development of major gateway airports as Cargo hubs through facilitating transshipment; and
 - To review periodically implementation of the proposals cleared by the Board;
7. This issues with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation.

Sd./-
(S. Venkataramana)
Under Secretary to Govt. of India

To

All Concerned Ministries/Departments in Govt. of India and other organizations represented in the Air Cargo Logistic Promotion Board (As per the List)

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