

## National Association of Container Freight Stations (NACFS)

### A brief note on the Association:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONTAINER FREIGHT STATIONS (NACFS) aims to be involved in the quest to find permanent solutions for challenges faced by the CFSs and ICDs of the country and share expert views in close co-ordination with governmental, statutory, and other authorities. The vision of the association is to support its members suitably and effectively in safeguarding interests of the CFSs & ICDs. NACFS was founded in April 1994 in Chandigarh with less than 10 members which has slowly developed to a national level of over 360 members. All the members (ICD/ CFS/ AFS and Warehouse) are approved by the Government of India through Public Notice.

NACFS organizes its Annual General Meeting and seminars every year in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and creates an opportunity for the trade members to interact with the higher officials of Customs, Shipping and Logistics Industry.

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### Other Important Information:

NACFS members share their expert views & suggestions at all the event/meeting conducted by the trade members like Confederation of Indian Industry, Federation of Indian Export Organizations, Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce, and Industry, AMTOI, ASSOCHAM and other national level associations to shape trade-friendly policies.

NACFS coordinates with the Ministry of Commerce, Shipping Ministry, Aviation Ministry and Finance Ministry for simplification of processes and recommending and implementing digitalization of processing and also participating with Customs Consultative Group (CCG) meeting by Central Board of Excise and Customs, scope meeting by Ministry of Commerce and Industry, steering committee meeting by National Committee of Trade Facilitation and Port Ecosystem by Commerce Ministry for 'Ease of Doing Business' initiatives by the government.

NACFS in association with Customs has developed the following software to enable Customs to work more efficiently –

- Unclaimed & Uncleared cargo module for faster disposal of cargoes
- Bank Guarantee & Bond module
- Bonded Warehouse management system
- Customs Portal for uploading containers scanned
- Software for MSME Sampark Portal & Ticketing System

NACFS was the first to introduce movement of containers to and from Port by using RFID technology without carrying hard copies of Shipping Bills or any other documents. NACFS was awarded “Certificate of Merit” by the World Customs Organization in 2016. Very shortly of uploading NACFS website on the PCS platform to enable transparency on the Tariff. CFSs are in the process of introducing e-invoice with digital signature to eliminate hard copies and to eliminate duplicate copies.

NACFS had also developed software for Warehouse members and the warehouse module has approved by the Customs. In Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Delhi the Warehouse module has been implemented and working successfully. For this we have formed Warehouse Chapter separately and are providing service to the warehouse members.

NACFS is in a continuous process of working towards the benefits of the industry and trade with the help and support of all relevant authorities. NACFS and its members also deeply focus on supporting various government’s initiatives such as imparting skills through Logistics Skill Council.

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