

# MINUTES OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11.06.2015 AT JNCH

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1.Third meeting of Customs Clearance Facilitation Committeewas held on 11.06.2015 at Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House with the members of the committee and representatives from various agencies operating at Port and trade. Shri Sanjeev Behari, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II chaired the meeting. Agenda points for discussion werecirculated to all members alongwith invite to the meeting.

## 2. Following Persons attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name of the Organization	Name of the Representative& Designation (S/Shri)
1	Customs	S H Hasan Pr. Commissioner of Customs.
2	Customs	SeemaJere Bisht, Commissioner of Customs.
3	Customs	Aseem Kumar, Addl. Commissioner of Customs.
3	Risk Management Division.	Vijay Rishi. Addl.Director.
4	Preventive General, JNCH	Dr. Vishal Chowdhary, Dy. Commissioner
5	Gr. III, JNCH	Anoop Kumar Sharma, Dy. Commissioner
6	Gr. I, JNCH	Sachin Sawant, Dy. Commissioner
7	Gr.II (C-F), JNCH	Deepak Devrani, Dy. Commissioner
8	CC Office	Ravindra Kumar
9	CONCOR	Rajib Bhowal, General Manager
10	CONCOR	Satish S. Kanojia, Technical Manager.
11	CONCOR	Garje Satish, Sr. Executive
12	NSICT	Sachine Parals, Planning Manager
13	NSICT, Nhava Sheva	B. Farnandes, Sr. Manager Ops
14	APM Terminals	Atul Jahagirdar, AGM Operations
15	JNPT	A.K.Bose, OM(T)
16	CIDCO	Dr. P.T. Gedan, Sr. Planner
15	Wildlife Crime Control Bureau	M. Maranko, Regional Deputy Director
16	RPQS, Mumbai	O.P. Varma, Deputy Director
17	RPQS, Mumbai	Dharmendra Singh, PPO(E)

18	Textile Committee	K. Selvaraj, Deputy Director
19	Textile Committee	Anita Hazra, Astd. Director
20	AQCS, Mumbai	Dr. T.K. Sahu, Deputy Director
21	CDSCO-WZ, Mumbai	Dr. K. Bangarurajan, DDC(I)
22	o/o ADC, JNPT	Arvind R. Hiwale, Drug Inspector
23	FSSAI	Ais Kumar, Authorized Officer
24	FSSAI	Anand Shamante, J.T.O
25	FSSAI (NISG)	Promod Reddy.C, Outside Project Manager
26	MANSA	Subhash Rajkumar, Sub Committee Member
27	ALLBIEA	Jayyannt L. , President
28	ALLBIEA	Manik Nasta, Managing Committee Member
29	MLBIEA	Prashant Nasta, Managing Committee Member
30	GDL CFS	Jacob Thomas, Sr. Vice President
31	CFSI Continental	Anwar Javed , Vice President
32	CFSAI Ameya	Laksha Tadadikar, COO
33	APMT CFS	Salim Shikalgar, Head Operation

### 3. Following Issues were discussed in the meeting.

#### Infrastructure issues

Issue ID	Issue
	<p>Congestion: Parking facilities at JNPT</p> <p>Factory-stuffed Containers wait for pre-advise documentation on approach road and road in CFS area leading to congestion.</p> <p>This could be reduced, if parking for such trailers can be provided in the JNPT area.</p> <p>CIDCO representative informed that they are in the process of developing 4 parkings in CFS area. One parking is operational and as decided in the last meeting, the rates have been reduced to 1/3rd to make it affordable and attractive for drivers.</p>
NSA- 01	<p>Response from Stakeholder</p> <p>JNPT representative informed that they have five parking spaces constructed in the vicinity of port area and the rates were kept low at Rs. 60 for 8 hrs and Rs. 160 rupees for more than 8 hrs.</p> <p>CM (Traffic) JNPT informed that their parking near PUB has been made operational and for easing congestion the facility is offered free of charge. Chair directed that this facility should be given wide publicity and sign-boards be displayed prominently. He also directed that details may be provided to JNCH so that it may be displayed on the departmental website also. JNPT and CIDCO agreed to provide details to the department.</p>
	<p>Decision taken</p> <p>Easing of Road Congestion around Port.</p>
NSA- 02	<p>Response from Stakeholder</p> <p>Members from CFS inform that GTI closes the entry gates without notice and the container trailers have to wait for more than 24 hrs. to enter the Terminal. And many factory stuffed containers with pre advice are shut out .The proposal for according priority to Factory stuffed Containers was not agreed for difficulty in differentiating factory stuffed containers from other</p>

		Containers
	Decision taken	Chair directed to explore possibility of setting up of a Control room jointly by Port Terminal Operators, CFSs and Customs Brokers. JNPT agreed to hold meeting with all concerned bodies on Monday/Tuesday to discuss all above said issues and present the proposal in the Next CCFC Meeting.
	Issue	Consideration of Joint Survey on congestion at approach Road to terminal and Around CFS
NSA-03	Response from Stakeholder	The findings of survey indicated GTI Terminal was the only terminal where congestion of traffic was observed and all vehicles carrying form 13 and were waiting for 18-24 hours for gate in the terminal. GTI explained that congestion is due to the fact that access roads towards GTI terminal is comparatively shorter and handling more volumes aiding congestion. Some CFS also reported congestion on account of Haphazard parking location of petrol pump in the vicinity and illegal parking. In addition to the problem of illegal stalls/weighbridge.
	Decision taken	CIDCO agreed that all unauthorized parking and business establishments in the CFS area will be removed to the designated business area to ease congestion. The CFS Association and GTI agreed to hold a meeting for solving the problem of congestion at GTI Terminal.
	Issue	Movement of container through rail
NSA-04	Response from Stakeholder	As on date, pendency of rail rakes with CONCOR for ICD movement is more than 5,000 TEU's and an average of 10 -12 trains per day are in operation. CONCOR informed the due to technical constraints, number of trains to TKD cannot be increased but the capacity at Dadri and Rewari remain underutilized.
	Decision taken	Chair directed that a meeting with trade and officials from CONCOR from Dadri, Rewari and Tuglakabad along with shipping lines be convened by DC (PG) to explore possibility of increasing traffic for non-TKD destinations.
	Issue	All agencies under one roof
NSA-05	Response from Stakeholder	JNPT informed that all regulatory agencies can apply for land allotment. Textile Committee informed that the proposal for office and lab facility is under consideration of Ministry. ADC requested space in the PUB, Plant Quarantine informed that collecting the samples at 30 plus CFSs is huge task and CFS may provide more space at different locations. FSSAI has also approached JNPT for allotment of land and land has been allotted. PQ also requisitioned space and informed that their office is operational at Koparkhairane.
	Decision taken	Chair directed all agencies to apply for land to JNPT so that they can have their offices/labs in JNPT area itself. He also advised CFS Association to examine the requests for space at CFSs and they agreed to examine the requirement and come up with the proposal in the next meeting.
	Issue	Dwell time study for each regulatory agency.
NSA-06	Response from Stakeholder	One best case and one worst case for each agency was taken up for discussion. Textile Committee responded that cases of delay as reported may be due to the requirement of removal of the special additives and clearing the layers so as to determine the original clothe and quality and also agreed to

		examine the causes of delay in the reported case.FSSAI informed that they have sufficient staff and the samples are being collected daily the officers. FSSAI agreed to examine the matter and causes of delay in the reported cases and to ensure that time line forwarded by them is followed in all cases. PQ and AQ and ADC has also agreed to examine the data and causes of delay.
	Decision taken	Chair asked all regulatory agencies to bring specific dwell time data for the year 2014-15 where B/Es are referred to them for grant of NOC.
	Issue	Provisional release pending NOC
NSA-07	Response from Stakeholder	FSSAI informed that provisional release is possible only for perishables. ADC informed that provisional release is operational for limited no. of products. PQ reported that provisional release facility is available. Textile Committee informed that NOC is being issued within 48 Hrs and the goods cans release directly on the basis of pre-shipment testing certificate.AQ informed that the facility is available.
	Decision taken	Chair directed that FSSAI and ADC should explore the possibilities of expanding the provisional release for more category of goods specially low risk category.
NSA-08	Issue	Negative list of items
	Response from Stakeholder	FSSAI reported that list is under preparation. ADC informed that the negative list for large number of products is already made available and is being updated.Plant Quarantine informed that the list is provided to the RMD. ADC, RMD informed that the list contains biological names and thus the targets not being hit. PQ agreed to examine the issue for providing common names also.Textile Committee reported that only few items are in the list. Wild life officials informed that list is under preparation and will be made available.AQ also informed that the list will be prepared and made available.
	Decision taken	Chair advised that complete list of “negative items” may be prepared by all regulatory agencies and emphasized that the related CTH may also be provided so that it can be displayed on JNCH website.
	Issue	SOP and timeline.
NSA-09	Response from Stakeholder	FSSAI reported draft SOP is available and website.ADC informed that draft SOP is available and is being finalized.PQ informed that draft SOP is available on website.Textile Committee also made available draft copy of SOP.Wild Life Authorities also furnished the copy of SOP.Animal Quarantine also informed that the draft of SOP is available.
	Decision taken	Chair expressed satisfaction on making available the copy of SOP by all regulatory agencies and informed that the issues of timeline contained in SOP will be discussed in the next CCFC meeting along with the respective dwell time data of all agencies.
NSA-10	Issue	Interactive Website
	Response from Stakeholder	FSSAI stated that clearance process is online and queries can be made through e-mail also. ADC informed that FAQ are available on the website

	holder	and queries are answered through e-mail also. PQ informed that issues is under examination by the head office. Textile Committee informed that online payment option is made available, status of the report is also made online. Wild life informed that their head office is working on it. Animal Quarantine informed that the proposal is under examination and presently information is available on website at dahd.nic.
	Decision taken	Chair directed all the agencies to work towards implementation of interactive website without any delay.
	Issue	Sample drawl by Customs. FSSAI informed that the proposal is not agreed owing to technical expertise required in the matter. Customs suggested that a training to the Customs officers can be imparted and to begun with Customs can start drawing sample of packaged goods. However, no assurance or commitment was made. ADC informed that their staff is available to drawl of sample. PQ agreed that Customs can draw sample. Textile Committee informed the samples are already being drawn by Customs. Wild life stated that the sample of finish goods are already being drawn by Customs and only in special cases their officers are drawing samples. AQ also informed that the sample are drawn by Customs only and in special case like meat etc., their officers will draw sample.
NSA-11	Response from Stakeholder	
	Decision taken	Chair advised FSSAI and ADC to examine the drawl of samples by customs and if required after proper training and to begin with, the low risk commodities can be assigned for drawl of samples by customs.
	Issue	Message exchange system with customs.
NSA-12	Response from Stakeholder	FSSAI & PQ reported that it is functional however the officers of customs informed that the system is not operating optimally and at times the NOCs issues are not available on the customs screen. ADC, Wild life, Textile Committee and AQ are to initiate the process.
	Decision taken	ADC, Wild life, Textile Committee and AQ were asked to work for the expeditious implementation of message exchange system and report in the next meeting.
	Issue	Risk based Inspection FASSAI had earlier reported that a Food Inspection Prioritization System is being developed. AQ informed that items have been identified for risk based inspection can be resorted to. PQ reported that they have 168 items identified where 5% inspection may be resorted to. ADC informed that a RMS is already implemented. Textile Committee reported that DGFT has been requested to amend notification that mandates production of certificate for azo-dyes so that risk-based inspection/testing for such items can be introduced. Wild Life reported that an ACP (Accredited Client Programme) is being introduced.
NSA-13	Response from Stakeholder	
	Decision taken	Chair directed all agencies to work towards CTH based risk-based system so that it can be aligned with Customs Risk Management System.
	Issue	24x7 deployment of staff.
NSA-14	Response from Stakeholder	FSSAI informed that they are working on 1st and 3rd Saturday to start with and with effect from 1st July, they will have Saturday as normal working

holder day. PQ informed that they are working on Saturday. Textile Committee that they are also working on Saturday. Wild life authorities informed that due to acute shortage of staff, they are not in a position to work on Saturday but assured to explore deployment of staff on Saturdays. AQ stated that officers are working on Saturday and in special circumstances they are available even on Sunday.

Decision taken Chair directed that all regulatory authorities need to deploy staff on 24/7 to align with the 24/7 customs operation and formulate their duty rotation and availability of officials accordingly. The matter of shortage staff should be resolve by taking up the matter with the Administrative Ministry.

#### 4. Following are the key areas where the CCFC has made progress:

Issue ID	Issue	Progress made
O-1	Inter-terminal movement of trailers	It has been reported by JNPT that one-side Inter-terminal movement of containers/ trailers between the three port operators has begun. This has been enabled by initiation of virtual gates at the point of thorough-fare.
O-2	Difficulty faced by Customs Brokers in getting Form-13	As per directions of CCFC, a demo was organized by Customs House for BCHAA, MANSA and CSLA in co-ordination with one another to resolve the issue. It has been agreed that port operators and Shipping lines would make suitable changes in their IT software to enable on-line filing of request for E- Form-13 by the Customs Brokers.
O-3	Implementation of E-Delivery Order	As per directions of CCFC, the issue was deliberated with stakeholders and CSLA/MANSA agreed to move towards issuance of E-D.O. and major lines such as Maersk Line and MSC have already started and/ or are in the process of starting E-D.O. As shipping lines have their offices in City proper, collection of Physical copy of d.o. presently takes at least 2 working days which can be eliminated now.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs.

**Sd/-**

(Aseem Kumar)

Addl. Commissioner of Customs

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