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दिनांक **23.02.2026** को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (निर्यात) (सामान्य) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE
FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT & GENERAL) FEB- 2026 HELD
ON 23.02.2026**

The monthly PTFC meeting was held in hybrid mode at 1500 hrs on 23.02.2026 chaired by Shri Giridhar G. Pai, Commissioner of Customs (NS – II), JNCH and attended by Smt. B. Sumidaa Devi, Commissioner of Customs (NS-General), JNCH.

2. The meeting was physically attended by the following members/participants of the trade & other stakeholders:

क्र.सं./Sr No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names (Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	(संगठन/संघ/पदना) Organisation/Association
1.	Jacob Thomas	CFSAI
2.	Rajeev Varadkar	CFSAI
3.	Jude Fernandes	CFSAI
4.	Sanjay Shingote	BCBA
5.	Kamal S. Shah	BCBA
6.	Maruti Gadge	BCBA
7.	Paresh Thakkar	BCBA
8.	Paras Shah	BCBA
9.	Vinayak Aparaj	BCBA
10.	Vishnu Dalvi	TTSL
11.	Rakesh Gharat	TTSL
12.	Nilesh Bhoir	TTSL
13.	Beny Mathews	JWC CFS
14.	George Mathew	JWR CFS
15.	Natraj Saliyah	Connex
16.	Deepak Solanki	Connex

17.	Sashikant Patanker	Allcargo
18.	Nikhil Bhandary	Western India Bonded Warehouse Association
19.	Sunny Dyal	CWC Distripark
20.	Mrs. Ganguly	AIWCBA
21.	Mark S Fernandes	Sylvester & Co. Ltd
22.	Manish Kumar	CSLA/MANSA
23.	Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
24.	Tej Contractor	BCBA
25.	Hiren Ruparel	
26.	Ravi D Rao	DGM(Traffic), JNPA

3 . The meeting was virtually attended by the following members/participants of the trade & other stakeholders:

क्र.सं./Sr No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names (Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	(संगठन/संघ/पदनाम) Organisation/Association
1.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
2.	Dixit Gharat	CPP

4. विभाग की ओर से निम्नलिखित अधिकारियों ने बैठक में भाग लिया -
Following Officers from the department attended the meeting: -

क्रमसं./Sr.No.	नाम(सर्वश्री) Name of Officers (Shri/Mrs./Ms)	पदनाम Designation
1.	Chittaranjan Prakash Wagh	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
2.	Manoj Kumar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
3.	Saroj Kumar Sharma	Deputy Commissioner of Customs
4.	Bharat lal Meena	Asst. Commissioner of Customs

All participants were welcomed by Shri Giridhar G. Pai, Commissioner of Customs, NS-II, JNCH.

5. Agenda Points for the PTFC Meeting:

S.No.	Issue in Brief	Sponsoring Stakeholders	Brief Record of Discussion	Closed/Open
1.	Request to issue Guidelines for Implementation of Automated Goods Registration for E-Sealed	BCBA	1. DG Systems had issued a detailed advisory, but very	Open

	<p>Export Cargo: Refer to ICES Advisory No. 06/2026 dated 04.02.2026 issued by DG Systems regarding the implementation of Automated Goods Registration for e-sealed cargo in exports.</p> <p>In this regard, we respectfully request that necessary guidelines may kindly be issued for the effective implementation of the said facility at JN Customs, so as to ensure uniform understanding and smooth operationalisation among all stakeholders.</p>		<p>few Shipping Bills were being selected for Auto Registration. In view of the low uptake and difficulties faced by trade, NS II Commissionerate requested ICES/ICEGATE to conduct a hand-holding session for trade and industry, including BCBA, to guide proper filing of Shipping Bills and use of the facility. Trade was also asked to specify the instances for further uptake with concerned authority.</p> <p>2. DG Systems will be recommended to develop a system to send an ICEGATE message to exporters whenever their e-sealed cargo is selected for Auto Registration.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p>First-time Export Formalities at CEAC Cell: We refer to Public Notice No. 112/2017 dated 31.08.2017 and Public Notice No. 26/2023 dated 29.3.2023.</p> <p>In this regard, we request that first-time exporters may be permitted to submit the KYC documents, as prescribed under the above Public Notices, without mandatory carting of goods. We further request that physical filing of Shipping Bills and carting</p>	<p>BCBA</p>	<p>1. Presently, CBs/exporters submit KYC documents along with a copy of the Shipping Bill, which, after verification, is endorsed with stamp and signature on the same day; CEAC does not insist on physical carting, and no delay occurs. Exporters may file Shipping Bills in</p>	<p>Closed</p>

	<p>of goods should not be insisted upon for completion of KYC formalities, and suitable facilitation may be provided to reduce dwell time of export shipments.</p> <p>At present, bringing the goods for completion of first-time export formalities results in a delay of approximately 2-3 days, which needs to be avoided. The intent of the said Public Notices is only to enable submission and verification of KYC documents, which is already being complied with by the exporters.</p> <p>Further, as clearly stated in Public Notice No. 26/2023, once the required documents are submitted, the same are to be verified and the exporter is to be listed on the JNCH website. If KYC documents are allowed to be submitted and verified prior to carting of goods, the exporter can be listed in advance, thereby significantly reducing dwell time and expediting export clearance.</p> <p>In view of the above, it is requested that first-time export formalities at the CEAC Cell may be allowed to be completed prior to carting of goods, without insisting on physical filing of Shipping Bills, in the interest of trade facilitation and ease of doing business.</p>		<p>advance and submit them with KYC so the process is completed before carting. Discontinuing submission of Shipping Bills would likely cause delays, as separate letters would need to be issued to the concerned CFS through e-office; currently, endorsement on the hard copy suffices and issuing letters may introduce additional delay. Hence, the existing practice of endorsing Shipping Bills is faster, particularly when filed in advance.</p> <p>2. The Chair further directed strict compliance of Public Notice No. 112/2017 dated 31.08.2017 and Public Notice No. 26/2023 dated 29.3.2023.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Submission of Physical Documents at the Centralised Parking Plaza:</p> <p>It has come to the Association's notice that physical documents such as Form 13, parking receipts, Shipping Bill copies, DG copies (for HAZ containers), etc., are currently being insisted upon in physical form for all containers exiting the Centralised Parking Plaza. In the present digital environment, this practice results in increased manual intervention and operational inefficiencies.</p> <p>We request your kind consideration in reviewing the</p>	<p>BCBA</p>	<p>The Trade was informed that where a container is validated by the universal seal reader on arrival at CPP, submission of LEO copies of the Shipping Bill at the CPP out gate is not required, as CPP receives LEO intimation through ICEGATE. CPP has also been instructed not to insist on hard copies of Form 13 where online copies are available. With implementation of</p>	<p>Closed</p>

	<p>requirement for submission of physical documents for containers exiting the CPP. Further, if submission of documents is still required, we seek your support in permitting acceptance of the requisite documents in digital mode only. This measure will help reduce dwell time and minimize paperwork, whilst also ensuring better compliance for all stakeholders</p>		<p>Phase-II of the universal seal reader project at CPP out gates, submission of physical documents to CPP will no longer be required.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Printing of "Accessories" column details in Export Shipping Bills:</u> It is observed that the "Accessories" column details are not being printed on Export Shipping Bills. The "Accessories" column is currently being printed in Import Bills of Entry. In this context, we request that similar facility be extended to Export Shipping Bills by enabling the printing of the "Accessories" column details. This will greatly facilitate the trade in declaring the required details on the Shipping Bill.</p>	BCBA	<p>EDI Section has sent a formal mail dated 17.02.2026 to DG Systems requesting comments regarding the matter. Reply from the DG systems is awaited.</p>	Open
4(i)	<p><u>The ICEGATE BL enquiry option is not working since last 3-4 days:</u> This enquiry option is crucial for the stakeholders to check manifest filing status and take next course of action accordingly.</p>	BCBA	<p>EDI Section has sent a formal mail dated 17.02.2026 to DG Systems requesting comments regarding the matter. Reply from the DG systems is awaited.</p>	Open
5.	<p><u>Security Deposit demanded by NVOCCs at the time of DO release:</u> NVOCCs are insisting on security deposit cheques while issuing Delivery Orders, contrary to Public Notice No. 01/2017. This practice is hampering faster clearance of cargo. We request JN Customs to instruct NVOCCs to strictly comply with PN No. 01/2017 in the larger interest of EXIM trade.</p>	BCBA	<p>The agenda was forwarded to Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India and Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India for comments, but no response has been received. Shipping Lines/NVOCCs have already been directed vide Public Notice</p>	Open

			<p>01/2017 of Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House not to impose conditions beyond those prescribed. All Shipping lines/NVOCCs/ Agents are required to comply with these Public Notices to ensure ease of doing business and transparency in EXIM trade; any violation may be reported to SCMTR Cell JNCH for action under SCMTR 2018. Further, the Trade was requested to provide specific instances for further necessary actions.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Unfair and Coercive Recovery Practices by Terminals and CFS Operators Affecting Customs Brokers and Importers:</u> It has been brought to the notice of the Association that certain CFS operators are adopting coercive and unfair recovery practices against Customs Brokers for dues payable by importers. In a recent instance, a CFS withheld delivery of consignments pertaining to other unrelated importers on the ground that the Customs Broker's account with the CFS was "frozen" due to outstanding dues of a particular importer handled by the same Customs Broker. Although the amount was clearly payable by the importer concerned, the Customs Broker was subjected to undue pressure, and deliveries of consignments belonging to other clients were withheld. Such practices are arbitrary, unjustified, and severely impact trade facilitation. Customs Brokers act as facilitators and cannot be held liable for commercial disputes or outstanding dues of importers. Freezing the account of a</p>	<p>BCBA</p>	<p>MSA Global Logistics Pvt Ltd, operating CWC Impex Park, stated that the issue arose from short collection of statutory port shifting/ ground rent (PN57/DPD-48 hrs), being reimbursement of charges already debited by BMCT to the CFS PD account. The shipment was delivered on 26.12.2025; BMCT raised the invoice on 30.12.2025, and a proforma invoice with supporting documents was shared with the CHA on 01.01.2026, followed by reminders. Due to pending recovery, a non-coercive internal system alert was activated for follow-up, while delivery was permitted on 06.01.2026. After discussions facilitated by BCBA, the outstanding amount was settled on 13.01.2026; the CFS reiterated its</p>	<p>Open</p>

	<p>Customs Broker and withholding deliveries of unrelated consignments causes serious disruption to legitimate trade and creates avoidable hardship. We request that this issue be taken up in the forthcoming TFC meeting and that suitable directions be issued to prevent such coercive practices by CFS operators.</p>		<p>commitment to trade facilitation and transparency. Further, the Trade was requested to provide specific instances for further necessary actions.</p>	
7.	<p>EXPLOITATION OF THE EXIM INDUSTRY BY CFS AND MTO'S: We being had raised an issue against the CFS operator, who had issued a warehouse Bill, despite them not an approved CFS operator by the Custom Authorities. We 26/HWNBNSA now enclose herewith a Bill raised by M/s. JWR Logistics Ltd, Invoice No. WTC/WH/NINGV/AST/ JAN-250088 dated dated 7.1.2026 for Rs.94930/-. We had taken up the matter with JWR Logistics Pvt Ltd vide our Letter dated 8.1.2026. Copy enclosed, which is self-explanatory. They issued a revised Invoice No. WTC/WH/NINGVAST/JAN Rs.79497/, 26/HWNBNSA250088 dated 8.1.2026 for demanded. which in fact should not be more than Rs.15,000. The cargo was detained till the payment. This is sheer exploitation of the Exim Industry. These difficulties are not issues relating to the Commercials of a CFS operator, but the extortion and Customs of the EXIM trade, which is requested to be addressed, under the Handling of Cargo in Area Regulations 2009.</p>	Sylvester & Co.	JWR Logistics Ltd	Closed
8.	<p>Abandoned Containers: As mentioned in the previous PTFC meetings too, several thousand containers still remain long standing not only for several months but even years. As per the Board Circular 50/2005, the maximum number of</p>	CSLA		Closed
			<p>In this regards, as per Board Circular No. 50/2005 a lot may be auctioned up to four times and then sold to the highest bidder; however, under para 8.9</p>	

	<p>auctions/tenders to which a lot is subjected should be four, with the goods to be necessarily sold to the highest bidder at whatever price received. However, despite this, containers are kept languishing for several years, thereby the cargo losing its value & the containers occupying space at the CFSs. While on the one hand, the shipping lines continue to reposition empty containers into the country at a huge cost to serve the export trade, on the other, these long standing containers continue to be made unavailable to Indian exporters for their export commitments. This not only hits Indian exports adversely but also increases the cost of logistics. A time limit should be set for the clearance of these containers cargo should be de-stuffed & the empty beyond which, the containers released to the concerned lines to enable them to allot those boxes for exports. Consolidated latest Long standing container details attached for your kind reference.</p>		<p>of the Customs Disposal Manual, 2019, the competent authority may cancel or order re-auction where warranted, with safeguards against cartelization and provisions to refuse confirmation in cases such as non-genuine bids, non-compliance with conditions, PGA objections, or importer representations. The Commissionerate, in coordination with custodians and stakeholders, is actively expediting identification and disposal of long-standing cargo—926 TEUs were disposed between April and December 2025—through closer monitoring, faster reserve price fixation, regular CTF meetings, Group Melas, and coordinated NOC processing with PGAs. A one-time destruction NOC for 117 commodities has been obtained from BARC, and BIS has clarified that non-BIS products cannot be auctioned or sold, measures expected to reduce congestion and expedite clearance.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Extension of IGM/EGM Supplementary Filing Option:</u> The current SCMT and legacy IGM regulations permit shipping lines, agents, and freight forwarders to file supplementary or amended IGM/EGM documents within a specified deadline without the need for customs approval. At present, the SCMT supplementary/amendment filing process is under testing, with</p>	<p>CSLA</p>	<p>In this regard it is submitted that the Public Notice No. 18/2026 has been issued as per advisory of the DG Systems. The issue raised by CSLA has been taken up with DG Systems team and their response is awaited.</p>	<p>Closed since extended till 31.03.2026 as requested.</p>

	<p>unresolved errors from the DG System. The arrival amendment is not at all functioning; Also we have not yet received successful test result for all departure amendment scenario. The BL enquiry option to verify if SCMT supplementary-filed BL data appears correctly is still unavailable on ICEGATE. Currently, users cannot check export & TP BL data on ICEGATE. Also the export split SB scenario is pending to be tested. The tested ones gave errors which have to be analyzed by concerned teams. The PCIN enquiry made online is pending for testing w.r.t correct data retrieval. Currently it seems the enquiry module shows incorrect data. These cases are regularized through EGM supplementary filing process. JNCH have issued Public Notice 08/2026 on 2nd February which states that the existing supplementary / amendment filing process will be discontinued from 20th February 2026. We respectfully request that this matter be discussed with DG System as needed. We recommend that the current supplementary and amendment message filing process in the 1.5 format be continued at least until March 31st, 2026. Stakeholders should be provided with a minimum of one month to test all amendment scenarios (Delete, Modify, Add, etc.), and once issues are resolved, a parallel filing option should be available for 15-30 days to facilitate a smooth transition.</p>			
<p>10.</p>	<p>Repetitive Submission of Documents by NVOCCs / Forwarders: It is observed that Forwarders / NVOCCs continue to insist upon repeated submission of documents such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of Surrendered Bill 	<p>AIWCBA</p>	<p>In this regard, it is submitted that the agenda point was forwarded to FFFAI (Federation of Freight Forwarders Association of India) and ATMOI (Association of Multimodal Transport</p>	<p>Open</p>

	<p>of Lading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yearly Bond copies (already submitted earlier) Authority letter for issuance of Delivery Order(Why authority letter is required when Delivery Order is online) KYC acknowledgement copy <p>Despite these documents having been submitted previously, the same are demanded again for each consignment. It is surprising to note that even lines such as Maxicon Shipping Agencies and many others do not issue Delivery Order unless CB boys reach their office with hard copies of Surrendered BL.</p> <p>This repetitive documentation defeats the purpose of digitisation, increases compliance burden, and causes avoidable delay in cargo clearance.</p>		<p>Operators of India - NVOCCs) for their comments/ suggestions. However, no reply has been received so far.</p> <p>Nevertheless, it is submitted that Regulation 10(j) of SCMTR 2018 mandates electronic transmission of delivery orders to the importer or the consignee and intimation of the same to the custodian and the proper officers. Any violation of these mandatory requirement may be brought to the notice of this office for appropriate action under SCMTR 2018.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Restricted Working Hours of DO Counters: Another major concern is the limited working hours followed by Forwarders / NVOCCs for issuance of Delivery Orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO counters function only up to 3:00 pm / 4:00 pm Offices remain closed on Saturdays and Sundays <p>Such restricted timings severely impact the timely clearance of cargo, especially when Customs functions on 24x7 basis. The mismatch between Customs working hours and service provider availability leads to congestion, detention, and unnecessary demurrage.</p> <p>Request / Suggestions</p> <p>In view of the above, I request the Hon'ble Chair to consider issuing suitable directions to:</p>	<p>AIWCBA</p>	<p>In this regard, it is submitted that the agenda was forwarded to Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India and Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India, but no response has been received. Under Regulation 10(j) of SCMTR 2018, delivery orders must be transmitted electronically to the importer/consignee with intimation to the custodian and proper officer; violations may be reported for action. Container Shipping Lines Association clarified that member container lines (not NVOCCs) operate D/O release windows 09:00–18:00 hrs for non-counter services and 09:00–17:00 hrs for counter services; most trade is electronic, weekend demand is limited, many B/Ls are</p>	<p>Closed</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and enforce paperless procedures, in line with the Digital India initiative of our Hon'ble Prime Minister • Avoid repeated submission of documents once KYC and bond formalities are completed • Ensure that Shipping Lines / NVOCCs / Forwarders keep their DO counters operational at least up to 6:00 pm, with minimum essential services on weekends <p>These measures will greatly support ease of doing business and align trade facilitation efforts across stakeholders.</p>		<p>seaway B/Ls, and online/remote issuance and courier options are available, indicating no systemic constraint from shipping lines.</p>	
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6. The members of the meeting were informed that the date of conducting next PTFC meeting (Export & General) shall be informed well in advance. All the Association members were requested to forward their agenda points, if any, at least 07 working days in advance by e-mail to Appraising Main (Export) Section on apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

8. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-II.

9. Any amendments to these minutes to be provided within the next five working days.

10. Minutes are placed on the JNCH website and also sent through emails to the members.

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