

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-II)
MUMBAI CUSTOMS ZONE-II, APPRAISING MAIN (EXPORT),
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA, TALUKA: URAN,
DISTRICT RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA-400707.**

S/12-Gen-60/2018-19-AM(X)-Part-II

Date: 13.01.2021

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT)
HELD AT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE ON 31.12.2020 AT 11:30 A.M.**

The P.T.F.C. meeting was held on 31.12.2020, through video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sanjay Mahendru, Commissioner of Customs (NS-Gen & NS-II).

2. The meeting was attended by the following Members of the trade:

Sr.No.	Names (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Organization/Association
1	Hiren Ruparel	BCBAA
2	R.K. Rubin	AMTOI
3	Leena Ganguly	AIWCBA
4	V.K. Agarwal	Mirc Electronics Ltd. (ONIDA)
5	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
6	Shankar Shinde	BCBA
7	Manish Kumar	MANSA
8	Paresh Thakker	-
9	Rahul Bhojani	-
10	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
11	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
12	Shailesh Nimbalkar	-
13	Maruti Gadge	BCBA
14	Nimish Desai	WISA
15	Capt. Iyyer	MANSA
16	Paras Shah	-
17	Srini	-
18	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
19	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
20	Bakshi Mohd. Hanif	MANSA
21	V. Rajappan	-
22	Vasant	-
23	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
24	Ashish Pednekar	-
25	Karunakar Shetty	BCBA
26	D.N. Dheer	-
27	Rajshekhar R.	-
28	Dushyant Mulani	-
29	Ms. Rekha	CSLA

30	Shailesh Mishra	BMCT
31	Shyam	CSLA
32	Faiz Sayyed	BMCT
33	Vinayak Aparaj	BCBA
34	Ashish Chaudhary	-
35	Manohar Patyane	-
36	Amol Apte	-
37	Raju Bhoir	-
38	Santosh Jumbad	-
39	Subhash Narhari	-

The following officers from the Department attended the meeting:

Sr.No.	Names of the officers (S/Shri)	Designation
1	Ajit Dan	Joint Commissioner of Customs
2	Raguram K.	Joint Commissioner of Customs
3	G. Manigandasamy	Joint Commissioner of Customs

3) The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the trade and after introductory talk asked Shri Ajit Dan, Joint Commissioner of Customs, J.N.C.H. to take up the agenda points for discussion. The following agenda points were taken up for discussion:

Agenda points proposed by BCBA

Point No.1: Movement of CEAC to CPP:

BCBA has placed an agenda point that other stakeholders such as CEAC, PGA's etc. should be moved to the Centralized Parking Plaza for faster clearances of Export Shipments.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed the members that C.P.P. is owned and managed by the J.N.P.T., however, this office would take up with the J.N.P.T. authorities to accommodate C.E.A.C. for facilitating the exporters.

[Action: DC/CHS Section]

Point No. 2: Posting of officers on Sunday/Holidays for Examination of e-sealed factory stuffed export cargo:

BCBA has referred to the P.N. No. 37/2019 dated 26.04.2019 regarding Examination of e-sealed factory stuffed export cargo on Sundays & Holidays and to P.N. No. 65/2017 dated 26.05.2017 regarding Customs working 24*7, extension of working of assessment group on all Saturdays.

BCBA draws attention that self-sealed containers, if selected for examination on Sundays or holiday, may miss the vessel due to non-availability of examination facilities in CFSs on Sundays/Holidays and therefore have urged to share the details of officers along with their contact details prior to Sunday/holidays as per the above P.N., which will help Custom Brokers to get in touch with the respective officers at the CFSs for examination of self-sealed containers, so that it does not miss the designated vessel.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed that officers are being posted on Sundays and Holidays and the posting orders of the officers are issued well in advance and the names and contact details of the officers, for the entire month, would be put up on the website of the J.N.C.H.

[Action: DC/Centralized Parking Plaza]

Point No. 3: Heavy Congestion for gating in export containers at BMCTL Terminal:

BCBA draws attention that there is heavy congestion for gating in of export containers since the last 10 days at BMCTL Terminal due to which there are chances of export containers not connecting the scheduled vessel. This issues has been taken up with BMCTL Terminals with a request to extend the cut off time or accommodate all vehicles which have left from the Parking Plaza & CFS by implementing JN Custom P.N. 73/2017 dt. 08.06.2017 in the true spirit & avoid causing a heavy loss to the EXIM trade.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed that the matter was taken up with BMCTL Terminals immediately as a result the situation has improved due to the Customs intervention. The Chair has urged the members to immediately to the notice of this office if such a situation arises again.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 4: Gate Automation in CPP:

In view of Digital India Initiative of Govt. of India, BCBA has suggested that fully automated gates should be made available in the Centralized Parking Plaza (CPP), where full automation of the gates should be tested by automation engineers using live truck traffic which will include optical camera recognition (OCR); license plate recognition cameras & CCTV cameras for gate clerks.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed that the C.P.P. is owned and managed by the J.N.P.T. The issue may be taken up with the J.N.P.T. authorities.

[Action: DC / CHS Section]

Point No. 5: Separate Examination area by all CFS:

BCBA has urged that a separate Examination Area be embarked by all the CFSs as per Handling of Cargo Regulation Rules, 2009.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed the members that the CFSAI have been asked to offer their comments on this issue and a meeting on this issue is under consideration. The members of the BCBA would be informed of the outcome of the discussion in the meeting.

[Action: DC/CCSP Section for necessary action]

Agenda points proposed by MANSA

Point No. 1: Withdrawal of Public Notice No. 48/2020:

MANSA has urged for the withdrawal of PN 48/2020 dated 08.04.2020, for movement to ICD Mulund for imports, as there is no longer any congestion existing in the terminals and also Mulund is shutting down on 31-12-2020 as per CONCOR notice to the trade.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed the members that Public Notice No. 48/2020 dated 08.04.2020 has been withdrawn vide Public Notice No. 150/2020 dated 18.12.2020.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 2: Doing away with submission of hard copies:

MANSA has desired to know the progress made for doing away with submission of EGM Hard copies along with Shipping bills and also whether this necessity can be totally eliminated in near future. The past minutes of the PTFC reads that trade does not have to furnish hard copy anymore. However, in a meeting called on 10th Dec at ECU Dept. at JNCH, the Superintendent (Preventive) and Preventive Officer have insisted that all Shipping line's Surveyors to submit 02 hard Copies of EGM at MCD department until a specific PN is issued in this regard. MANSA, therefore, desires to know the timeline when the PN will be issued to extend this much awaited facility.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed the members that the issue raised above has already been addressed vide Public Notice No. 43/2020 dated 07.04.2020. The Chair has impressed upon the members that the practice of submission of hard copy of EGM is not insisted upon in Mumbai Customs Zone-II, J.N.C.H. other than in exceptional cases detailed in the said Public Notice. This point has been reiterated in the past P.T.F.C. meetings also. The Chair has urged the members to bring to notice any deviation from the Public Notice.

[Point Closed]

Agenda points proposed by CSLA

i) **Urgent action required on SCMT Registration issues** – CSLA has placed an agenda point that its members are struggling to complete SCMT registration since last six months. This issue has been raised in all PTFC meetings since last six months, still there is no positive response from ICEGATE Team and have therefore request for intervention of the Chair in resolving registration related issues.

and

ii) **Difficulties in SCMT CSN filing** – CSLA have shared feedback of SCMT CSN testing with your good office through a separate email message. Customs system is still not generating PCIN number which is a mandatory requirement for filing of export manifest. In import, transhipper's pan & bond details, package code type, IMO/UN number master, PCS vessel data mapping etc. are not mapped with SCMT system. Hence CSN / PCIN Number are not getting generated by the customs system. Further we are still awaiting formats for foreign onboard cargo (FROB). Request JNCH assistance to get all these issues resolved at the earliest.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed that a meeting, involving the stakeholders, was held in this regard. It was discussed in the meeting that all the SCMT registration issues will be compiled together and the SCMTR Nodal Cell would be taking up the above issues with ICEGATE & D.G. (Systems) for early resolution. Deputy Director / DG (Systems) has informed that a list FAQs is being issued shortly covering common errors in CSN filing. ICEGATE team has been requested to share details of ASC who met with success in CSN filing so that the best practices can be replicated by others as well.

[Action: DC/EDI Section & DC/SCMT Cell for necessary action]

iii) **Clarification required for National Container Bond** – Presently there are shipping lines/feeder operators who only operate vessels. They don't have their own containers. Containers of other shipping lines are loaded on their vessels. Request clarification whether they too will need to apply for the National Container Bond. As per the SCMT structure, the shipping line bond number is required to be updated by the vessel operator in the vessel section of the SCMT file.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed that the matter will be examined and outcome would be conveyed to the stakeholders regarding the National Container Bond. Further, suggestions have been received from CSLA/MANSA and the same will be shared with the D.G. (Systems).

[Action: D.C./Container Cell]

Agenda points proposed by CFSAI

Point No. 1: Renewal Permission for Direct Stuffing of Agro Commodities & to avoid double handling:

CFSAI has recalled the discussion held in PTFC meeting dated 26.11.2020 & CFSAI Members had applied for renewal of the permission for Direct Stuffing of Agro Commodities well in advance before the validity date had expired, however their Members are still awaiting renewal permission. Further, they have submitted that as the demand for Agro Commodity is quite heavy and this being a sensitive cargo direct stuffing be hereby permitted to avoid double handling.

CFSAI has urged that, to facilitate trade, a common Public Notice / Circular for the above issue may be issued in this regard.

Facts of the matter:

The above issues are under consideration and are at discussion stage. Suitable decision taken in relation to the above points will be conveyed.

[Action: DC/CCSP Cell..for necessary action]

Point No. 2: Damaged Packing's- Permission for repacking of goods in exceptional cases: This issue was discussed in last PTFC meeting 26th Nov 2020 referring to recent Standing Order 33/2020 dated 23/09/2020 issued by your good office which states that no repacking of the export goods shall be allowed inside the premises. Our submission was that in exceptional cases where cargo/packing material gets damaged while handling or due to nature of previous packing and repackaging becomes essential, the same should be allowed. We shall be obliged for suitable PN/Guidelines be issued by your good office.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair informed the members that the issue was already discussed in the meetings held on 29.10.2020 and 26.11.2020 that the Standing Order No. 33 dated 23.09.2020 states that no repackaging of the export goods shall be allowed inside the premises. However, the Chair reiterated that in exceptional cases where repacking is essential, the request would be considered by the DC/AC-Export Docks on merit and on cases to case basis. However, if there is any specific case of such nature not being addressed, the same should be brought to the notice of the Addl. Commissioner (Exports), J.N.C.H.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 4: Awaiting Guideline on disposal of export longstanding goods lying in various CFSs for a long period: CFSAI submits that the issue was deliberated in the last PTFC Meeting held 26th Nov 2020 wherein their submission was that JNCH may consider giving one time permission for disposal of 770 containers lying in various CFSs. Our Members are still awaiting necessary Guidelines/PN in this regard.

Facts of the matter:

The Chair has informed that the issue has been referred to Board for guidance / instructions. The decision in this regard will be conveyed to the Members.

[DC/Disposal Section..for necessary action]

Agenda points proposed by Western India Shippers' Association (WISA):

Point No. 1: Review of Public Notice No. 143/2020:

WISA has urged that the PN 143/2020 dated 10.12.2020 issued for FSP needs a relook in view of various CBIC circulars clarifying that only one time FSP would be issued. Post introduction of GST in 2017, all FSP were reviewed and re-issued for GST purpose but due to limitation of EDI system, it could accept validity only for 3 years. Resultantly, all FSPs were issued with a clause "Validity of self-sealing permission would be extended by EDI section on suo-moto basis without insisting for any documents". This was very clearly conveyed by then Chief Commissioner during various discussions as well. Now the said Public Notice, issued by JNCH, asking the trade to once again submit various documents is totally against the letter and spirit of what was communicated and informed in 2017. WISO therefore requests for withdrawal of the said PN in order to avoid last minute chaos in renewal of all FSPs.

Facts of the matter:

The Public Notice No. 159/2016 dated 28.11.2016 mentions revalidation of permissions upto 31.12.2020 on suo-moto basis without insisting for any documents. However, as informed by SIIB (X) and CIU during the last few years various cases have been booked against the exporters. Therefore, for authentication of the exporters seeking fresh registration for Nhava Sheva Port and renewal for Self-sealing permission upto 31.12.2023, they are required to produce original documents as mentioned in the Public Notice No. 143/2020 dated 10.12.2020 duly attested by the authorized signatory / Director / Partner of the firm and such documents can be sent on e-mail.

[Point Closed]

4. The members of the meeting were informed that the date and mode of conducting next PTFC meeting shall be informed well in advance. All the Association members were requested to forward their agenda points, if any, at least 10 working days in advance by e-mail to Appraising Main (Import) Section on appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.
5. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
6. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-General & NS-II.
7. Minutes are placed on JNCH website and also being sent through emails to the members.

Sd/-

(Abhijit L. Thorat)

Deputy Commissioner of Customs
Appraising Main (Export)

To

All the Members of PTFC (through email)

Copy to (through email):

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH, Sheva.
2. The Principal Addl. Director General, Directorate General of Tax Payers Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit, Room No.138/139, New Custom House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400 001 (mzu-dgtps@gov.in).
3. The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai.
4. All Commissioners of Customs, Zone-II, JNCH, Sheva.
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