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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(IMPORT) HELD ON 31.12.2020.**

The PTFC meeting held through video conference on 31.12.2020 was chaired by U. Niranjana, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), Shri S.K. Vimalanathan, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-III), Shri Sunil Kumar Mall, Commissioner of Customs (NS-I) , Shri R K Mishra, Commissioner of Customs (NS-V) and Shri Sanjay Mahendru, Commissioner of Customs (NS-II & General). The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:-

Sr. No.	Names (S/Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1.	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
2.	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
3.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
4.	Maruti Ghadge	BCBA
5.	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
6.	Nimish Desai	WISA
7.	Paresh Thakkar	BCBA
8.	Rajasekhar R	United Phosphorus Ltd.
9.	Rekha CSLA	CSLA
10.	Rkrubin	AMTOI
11.	Shailesh Mishra	BMCT
12.	Shankar Shinde	BCBA
13.	Shyam CSLA	CSLA
14.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
15.	V.K. Agarwal	Mirc Electronics Ltd.(ONIDA)
16.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
17.	Faiz sayyed	BMCT
18.	Karunakar Shetty	BCBA
19.	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
20.	Vinayak b Aparaj	BCBA
21.	Amol Apte	
22.	DNDheer	
23.	Ashish Chaudhary	BCBA
24.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
25.	Paras Shah	
26.	Raju bhoir	
27.	Santosh Jumbad	

28.	Srini	
29.	Subhash Narhari	
30.	Vasant	
31.	Venkat	
32.	SMO	
33.	Sushant Satish Mhatre	

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Names (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
1.	Rajiv Ranjan	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	Manish Thapliyal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	T. Arivazhagan	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	S. K. H. Meshram	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	G. Manigandaswamy	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Raghuram	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Pandurang Chandrakant Chate	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	Saroj Samaiya	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

2) Smt. Rajiv Ranjan, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH, started the discussion on the agenda points of the meeting related to the import.

Agenda Points of Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations in India

Agenda Point 1. Movement of SEZ containers directly from port terminals:

We request SOP for picking up SEZ filed containers direct from Port Terminals. Presently there is no stacking code in the Port Terminal due to which all containers are moved to shipping lines nominated CFS.

Suggestion: We suggest that Port Terminals should create stack code at Port Terminals and SOP to be provided to the trade by issuing trade notice.

Response: JNPT have already started registration of SEZ units and issued SEZ code to the registered units to declare in IAL submitted to Port terminals. Procedure for registration and list of SEZ units registered with JNPT are displayed on JNPT website www.jnport.gov.in under "Direct Port delivery ". The registered codes have been communicated to other port terminals to use as common codes to all.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 2: Filing of SEZ containers as DPD/CFS facility. Since the SEZ system has no provision to file advance BE , BE can only be filed after filing of IGM ,The completion of manual process at JNCH is time consuming and difficult to complete the process within period of 48 hours by that time shipping lines move this container to their nominated CFSs which is high cost.

The process of mapping of IGM and processing the Bill of Entry is time consuming for which the containers are required to be moved to Importers choice of CFSs for further movement to SEZ.

Suggestion: It is suggested that Port Terminals should provide the option to move the containers to the importers choice of CFS for further pick up movement to SEZ.

Response: SOP to carry out registration and release of import containers directly to SEZ units is displayed on our website www.jnport.gov.in under "Direct Port delivery" Sr.51 & 52.

The containers declared for SEZ units are released upon submission of following documents to the port terminals through mail.

- i.** SEZ Transshipment permit issued by Customs
- ii.** Bill of Entry
- iii.** IGM item
- iv.** Valid D.O. letter from Shipping Line

[Point closed]

Agenda Points of MANSA

Agenda Point 1: An update on the progress of the Rotation Number's issues. Vessel Name should be indicated upon inserting Vessel's IMO Number while obtaining Rotation Number through ICEGATE.

Response: In this connection kind attention is invited to Facility Notice No. 70/2017 dated 05.06.2017 issued vide F.No. S/12-Gen-82/2015-16 AM(X) dated 05.06.2017 regarding facility for Online Generation of Rotation Number by Shipping Lines/Agents. However regarding indicating vessel name upon inserting Vessels IMO number Trade is advised to send detailed proposal to EDI for onward submission to Saksham Sheva for consideration.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 2: Relaxation on transshipment Containers Customs escorting carrying through BMCT to JNPT and other Terminals. Road between BMCTPL and GTI/JNPT may be notified as Custom area and thereby doing away with Customs escort and obtaining prior permission to move containers including transshipment Containers every time. Further regards BMCT Road issues for the transshipment Containers JNPT and Customs jointly may find some solution. Alternatively the respective Terminals may be entrusted to arrange movement of transshipment boxes on their own trailers under their Bond so that there will be no need to arrange Customs escort or Customs' involvement for Transshipment Movement.

Response: Above said issue is already in consideration and accordingly necessary action will be taken.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 3: Understand Nhava Sheva Customs have introduced National Continuity Bond on basis of shipping lines old Bond applications. The same Bond number will be validated in ICEGATE by the JNCH Custom Dept. This updating may have to be deferred since numerous gray areas exist. First and foremost there is a need for providing absolute clarity regards how this switch over can be handled by the customs systems and how many custom's houses across PAN INDIA are ready for the same, failing which the initiative is likely to be leading to Chaotic situation with avoidable two parallel systems running which should be prevented for the sake of EODB.

Response: Mansa is advised to send detailed proposal to EDI for onward submission to Board for consideration.

[Point closed]

Agenda Points of WISA

Agenda Point 1: Kindly refer points raised on Faceless assessment in last PTFC by us. As mentioned by the chair then, NAC was in the process of formulating standard examination order. However, the same is taking some time. In the meantime, our request for ignoring irrelevant examination order by field officers be considered till the time standardized examination orders are in place.

Response: Standardized examination orders formulated by NAC and approved by Chief Commissioner, are being followed.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 2: CBIC circular 55/2020 does take care of all other concerns of the trade as regards valuation and denial notification benefits. Request is – kindly consider correcting such instances, if at all they occur, at PAG level since communicating with FAG is still proving to be quite challenging for the trade.

Response: For re-assessment of Bill of Entry, provisions as mentioned in CBIC Circular No. 55/2020 dated 17.12.2020 & CBIC Circular No. 45/2020 dated 12.10.2020 are being followed.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 3: All officers in JNCH must adhere to system of e-Office since getting note sheet made by EOs in groups is becoming challenging due to work pressure on them.

Response: E-office has been implemented and efforts are being made that all the file work to be done on E-office.

[Point closed]

Agenda Points of BCBA

Agenda Point 1: Examination order given by Assessing Officers (for RMS BE) to open and examine the consignment during the assessment at FAG for RMS

Shipment: We refer to JN Customs Standing Order No 65/2016 (copy attached), where it is noticed that the Bills of Entry picked up by the RMS for assessment and facilitated for examination have a specific remark in the examination field that 'Examination has not been prescribed for this BE. So Examination order is not required'. However, we have been observed that some of such Bills of Entry, the Assessing Officer has given examination order to open and examine the consignment during the assessment. PAG should follow RMS instruction as per SO 65/2016, so examination order should be waived.

Suggestion: We request you to kindly issue the suitable instructions to officers for those Bill of Entries which are picked up by the RMS for assessment and facilitated for no examination.

Response: Standing order no. 65/2016 dated 15.11.2016 has been already issued where in para no. 3 it is clarified that RMS instruction prevails unless and until there is a specific reason to open and examine and such order needs approval from Jt. /Addl. Commissioner of Customs. There are some categories of goods where specific examination in First check is required. However, standardization of the process is under consideration and this issue will be sorted out after that.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 2: Sample being forwarded to outside laboratories (other than Mumbai) instead of Local laboratories:

We have been informed by members that as per the practice being followed by JNCH, testing is done either at DYCC / ENVICORE laboratories. FAG is sending samples to outside laboratories, thereby delaying the clearance.

Suggestion: We request your good office to issue a suitable instruction Circular / PN regarding the process of sample withdrawal in local Laboratories

Response: Issue is because of RMS instruction and will be resolved in consultation with RMCC. **[Point closed]**

Agenda Point 3: Return of the samples by DYCC in case of QR code not matching: As per P.N. 136/2020 of J.N. Customs the process of sampling of import / export goods at docks has been defined and each QR code-based sampling sticker is printed in duplicate with unique QR code. After submission of the sample in DYCC in case of not matching QR code the DYCC is not accepting the samples and sending back for resampling. In case of First check, it is considerably delayed resulting detention and demurrage to the trade.

Suggestion: In primary stage we hereby request to kindly suitable instruction to be given to DYCC for accepting the sample on manual basis in case of QR code not readable by system.

Response: Laboratory is of the opinion that Unique QR code based sampling solution may be continued as it is easy for tracking of samples. Hence accepting sample on the manual basis may be discouraged. While sampling proper care may be taken to avoid such mismatch of QR code.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 4: Delay in Recall of Bill of Entry in FAG: It has been observed that recall and reassessment files are being marked upto Commissioner Level. Any BE which is forwarded to FAG for any specific reason like amendment, unwanted value loading, provisional assessment etc., a specific note by PAG should sent to FAG that BE has been forwarded to FAG for following reason as per importer request.

Suggestion: In case of normal case, recall and reassessment to be done at D.C. level.

Response: Provisions related to re-assessment and recall of Bill of Entry, as mentioned in CBIC Circular No. 55/2020 dated 17.12.2020 & CBIC Circular No. 45/2020 dated 12.10.2020 are being followed.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 5: Allow for MRP labelling in case of FAG assessment: In case of FAG assessment in CFS/Docks D.C. Docks to permit for the MPP Labelling as per the current practice in PAG assessment.

Response: As per Para No. 3 of Public Notice No. 33/2012 the DC/Docks has authority to give permission for labelling before registration and examination of the goods.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 6: First time import Documents (PN NO 112/2017): Importer may be allowed to submit documents in advance in PAG prior to filling of BE. All documents may be accepted at SEVOTTAM cell.

Response: Trade is advised to give detailed representation in this regard for examination and consideration.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 7: Role of PGA's for release: Goods released by FSSAI / PQ are not being routed through Supt. /AO for OOC. Members have to approach DC for release of such goods. As per current practice, only refer containers are allowed to be released by DC Docks. We request all RMS documents should also be permitted to be released by DC Docks also.

Response: Trade is advised to give detailed representation in this regard for examination and consideration.

[Point closed]

Agenda Point 9: Double duty Payment - Delay in response from e-PAO office

Delhi: We have been informed by members that in case of double duty refunds, refund cell, JNCH send a letter to EPAO Account, Delhi for verification purpose. However, it is noticed that EPAQ Account, Delhi does not respond to all such letters of verification, thereby delaying the double duty refund to members.

Suggestion: As per JN Customs PN No 105/2020 Para 2. (Copy attached, to process the double duty refund claim on the basis of verification report from PAO/ePAO as provided under Clause (a) to (c) of the said PN, and considering other facts and evidence available on records such refunds should be sanction Suo Motto.

Further, also we wish to bring to your kind notice that in Air Cargo Mumbai Zone III, PTFC meeting held on 01.07.2016. has been decided that " After due deliberation on this issue it was decided that refund section should device the internal mechanism to verify the claims of double duty payments and process the refund claim accordingly, and need not wait for the formal communication from Chief Accounts Office, Delhi."

Response: It is not possible to wave off the process of sending a letter to EPAO, Account, Delhi for verification purpose. However, the issue will be examined in the light of suggestion and resolved accordingly after consultation with EPAO.

[Point closed]

5. 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 07 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.**

6. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

7. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-I.

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

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Deputy Commissioner of Customs
Appraising Main (Import)
JNCH, Nhava Sheva

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.
- 5.** All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs, JNCH, Sheva.
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