

<u>सीमाशुल्क प्रधान आयुक्त कार्यालय (एन. एस. –1)</u> OFFICE OF THE PR.COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS– I), मूल्यनिरूपण मुख्य (आयात)/APPRAISING MAIN (IMPORT) जवाहरलाल नेहरू सीमाशुल्क भवन/JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, शेवा/SHEVA, तालुका/ TAL-उरण/URAN,: जिला/DISTRICT- रायगड/RAIGAD, महाराष्ट्र/MAHARASHTRA-400707, (ई-मेल/email: appraisingmain@gmail.comदूरभाष/Telephone No: 022-27244979)

फा. सं/F.N.:S/22-Gen-44/2017-18 AM(I)Pt.IX

दिनांक /Date:-15.03.2022.

दिनांक 02/03/2022 को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (आयात) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (IMPORT) HELD ON 02.03.2022

The PTFC meeting held through video conference on 02.03.2022 was chaired by Shri U. Niranjan, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), Shri N.V. Kulkarni, Commissioner of Customs(NS-II), Shri Sonal Bajaj, Commissioner of Customs(NS-III), Shri. D.S. Garbyal, Commissioner of Customs (NS-V) and Shri Istikhar Baja, Commissioner of Customs (NS-General & Audit). The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:-

क्रमसं/.	नाम (सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती)	(संगठन/संघ/ पदनाम)
Sr. No.	Names(S. Shri /Ms./Mrs.)	
1.	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
2.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
3.	Manohar Patyane	ВСВА
4.	Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
5.	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
6.	Manish Kumar	CSLA
7.	V. Rajappan	CDSCO
8.	Jayant Lapsia	
9.	Nandkishor	CFSAI
10.	Rahul V Bhojani	BCBA
11.	Nimish Desai	WISA
12.	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
13.	Rajan Thakur	CSLA
14.	Rekha	CSLA
15.	Paresh Shah	WISA
16.	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
17.	Yatin Naik	MANSA
18.	Capt. Ram Iyer	MANSA
19.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
20.	Sunil Vasvani	Executive Director, CSLA
21.	R K Rubin	АМТОІ
22.	Daniel	CSLA
23.	Capt. Jasbir Singh	MANSA
24.	Nirav Thakker	BCBA
25.	Jacob Thomas	CFSAI
26.	Mark S Fernandes	IMC Chambers of Commerce and Industry

27.	Dayanand Kotian	Reliance Industries
28.	Kalpesh Jadhav	
29.	Rajshekhar R	
30.	Capt. Savio Carneiro	CSLA
31.	Jude Fernandes	CFSAI
32.	K. Uthaya Kumar	MANSA
33.	Paras Shah	BCBA
34.	Bakshi Md. Hanif	MANSA
35.	Arun N Adak	CFSAI
36.	Venkatram Narayanan	CFSAI
37.	Vasant T	
38.	Anirudh Bhanushali	CSLA
39.	Darshan Kotak	
40.	Sethu	
41.	Srikant Bhagavatula	
42.	Srinivas Subramanian	CFSAI
43.	Subodh Pramanik	
44.	V K Agarwal	

2. विभाग की ओर से निम्नलिखित अधिकारियों ने बैठक में भाग लिया :-

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting :-

क्रमसं/.	नाम (सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती)	पदनाम
Sr.No.	Names(S. Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Designation
1.	Sushil Chandra	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	Hemlata Rai	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Bidhan Chandra	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Suresh Merugu	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	S. K. H. Meshram	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Sudhir S. Kohakade	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Raghuram K	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	V Ramanadha Reddy	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9.	Ravindra S Bhati	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

3. Shri Sushil Chandra, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH started the discussion on the agenda points of the meeting relating to the import. Before going to the Agenda Points for the present month, Shri Sushil Chandra has informed the members about the status of the Agenda Points discussed in the Minutes of the Meeting of the PTFC(Import) held on 31.01.2022.

4. <u>कार्यबिन्दु/AGENDA POINTS:</u>

<u>डब्लू.आई.एस.ए.के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु /Agenda Points raised by</u> <u>WISA</u>

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 01/Agenda Point No.01:</u> 100% Examination Order by FAG officers: Even in case of AEO importers and where system has not prescribed examination, FAG officers are giving orders like "De-stuff all containers. Open & examine 100% at item level. Look for misdeclaration of item and concealment" (few such orders attached herewith). This is on the rise and must be curtailed since the trade is forced to go for examination by officers of RMS Cell even where it is not prescribed by system, in total disregard for JNCH SO No. 65/2016. This is directly reflecting in increased transaction costs and dwell time and resulting in failed DPD. प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-

Assessing Groups at JNCH don't give such 100% Examination Orders without any specific instruction is given in Targeter's/Intervenor's Instructions. The attached Bills of Entry are examined and it is observed that 100% examination order was given by FAG Officers of other locations as per Targeter's/Intervenor's Instructions given by the RMS for 100% examination. However, the trade is advised to submit a detailed representation with their specific observations for examination of the issue and further taking up the same with NCTC.

> [बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 02/Agenda Point No.02</u>: <u>Import under multiple Advance or EPCG</u> <u>licenses</u>: In such cases system is debiting Bond for duty foregone for entire amount of said BE against bonds of all licenses instead of pro rata as per usage. Process to correct this is re-call and re-assessment which defeats the very purpose of facilitation. A simpler mechanism like group DC being able to amend the bond amounts without re-assessment is need of the hour.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

It is a technical issue, as the system is debiting Bond for duty foregone for entire amount of said BE against bonds of all licenses instead of pro-rata basis as per usage. The issue has already been flagged to the DG(System) team that has recently visited JNCH and the same is under process for early resolution.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 03/Agenda Point No.03</u>: <u>Regularisation of Advance/Prior BE</u>: Magnitude of this problem is increasing day by day and no easy solution is in sight even after several years. During an interaction with senior most officers of DG System, they were surprised to know about this. Request to JNCH is to compile data and send the same to the office of DG Systems for suitable remedy to this perennial problem.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

This issue will be taken up with D.G.(Systems), after analyzing such cases attended by EDI.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 04/Agenda Point No.04: <u>Alert removal in COO benefit cases</u>: The procedure for removal of system alert in such cases adopted by JNCH is cumbersome and time consuming which needs to be made trade friendly. Worse is, such cases comes to notice only after grant of entry inwards, regularisation of BE and goods registration resulting in failing DPD and increased costs. A simpler process for this will benefit the trade immensely.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

Issue raised is not clear and also alert details have not been provided. Trade is advised to submit a detailed representation, so that the matter may be examined accordingly. However, the matter related to Suspension of Out of Charge(OOC) in certain cases with CAROTAR instructions has already been flagged to the ADG, NCTC, Mumbai for early resolution.

Closed]

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point

<u>सी.एस.एल.ए. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु</u> /Agenda Points raised by <u>CSLA</u>

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या O3(b)/Agenda Point No.O3(b)</u>: Scanners may please be installed at in/out gates of terminals at JNPT- Recently there was a case pertaining to one of our member lines, MAERSK, where a radioactive material was inadvertently shipped ex JNPT to Africa. The container was found emitting radiation and held for further examination by the Kenyan authorities. Later the container was loaded back on same ship and retuned back to INDIA.

The Maersk Line officials then had a meeting with Mr Garbyal (Commissioner of customs) along with the JNPT (HM+DC) + APMT CFS teams. Mr Garbyal gave some action points to JNPT Port and CFS's to avoid such future recurrences.

While JNPT has scanners installed at the out gate (imports), there are no scanners at the in gate (exports). Hence recommend scanners at the in-gates of terminals as well.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

Installing of scanner is not under the control of Customs. It would be ideal to take up this issue with the port trust authorities.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 03(c)/Agenda Point No.03(c)</u>: This point was discussed at the PTFC meeting held on the 29th of Nov 2021.

Customs does not allow delivery of DPD/ Non DPD containers without completion of scanning formalities.

As far as delay in generation of the scanning list by JNCH is concerned, JNCH public notice no. 15/2013 is already in place for CFS containers, according to which, if the scanning list is not generated till 8 hours of the berthing of the vessel, the movement of the containers can be done to the CFS. However, those shipments will be required to be examined 100% at the CFS.

As far as the DPD containers are concerned, non-generation /delayed generation of the scanning list is severely impacting evacuation of DPD containers. We therefore request JNCH to provide an alternative option so that DPD containers can be moved at least within 8 hours of the berthing of the vessel in case of non-generation / delayed generation of scanning list. Any delays in movement will only delay the eventual availability of containers for exports which the country can ill afford. While on the one hand, the shipping lines are repositioning empty containers into the country at a huge cost, to help the export trade, on the other, delays such as the ones mentioned above, undermine all such efforts made by the lines.

In this connection, please note the minutes of the meeting below which states as follows for DPD / DPD & Empty containers:

QUOTE

The request pertaining to DPD containers and Empty Containers will be examined for better facilitation.

UNQUOTE

Kindly therefore advise.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

Generally Scanning list is being generated on time. However, due to system related problem in some cases there may be a delay in generation of scanning list. Further, for these exceptional cases there are elaborate procedure as laid down in PN No. 31/2021, 04/2019 and PN No. 15/2013. For better facilitation of clearance of DPD-DPD Containers and empty containers from the terminal in case of non-generation/ delay of scanning list an ideal process is being considered. However, the trade is advised to submit a detailed representation describing the best possible options/solutions for further examination of the issue.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point

Closed]

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 04/Agenda Point No.04: The below agenda points were discussed at the PTFC meeting held on the 29th of Dec 2021.- <u>Scanning of ICD Import containers to</u> <u>be allowed for "M" scanning</u> – Import ICD Containers are selected for "D" or "M" scanning by the automated RMS system. For "D" scanning, Containers are required to be taken outside the port by following gate out/gate in process which is a complicated & time consuming process. Such type of scanning for ICD containers requires customs permission, gate-in / gate-out formalities etc which attracts huge additional cost also. Presently mobile scanners are functional inside the port terminal for DP World/GTI & JNPT for which no gate-in/gate-out/any special customs permission is required. Most of the times ICD containers are allowed for "M" scanning by customs scanning department whenever they are approached.

As of now BMCT terminal does not have mobile scanners. The ICD containers arriving at the BMCT terminal are made to be scanned outside the port terminal at "Drive Through" scanning site by arranging customs permission & following the gate-in / gate-out process which increases the dwell time of cargo clearance & attracts huge additional cost.

They therefore requested JNCH to simplify the process by considering the following process:

a) No separate permission should be required for scanning of the containers. Just as in the case of local containers, the scanning of ICD containers should also be allowed on the basis of the scanning list generated by the Customs automated RMS system. (JNCH informed that no separate permission will be reqd for scanning of Import ICD containers & that the scanning list generated by JNCH system would be good enough for this purpose. However, the same was not minuted in the minutes of the meeting. Hence JNCH is requested to kindly minute this point).

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

No separate permission will be required for scanning of import ICD containers & that the scanning list generated by ICEGATE system would be sufficient for this purpose.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

b) Since the express road which connects BMCT to the other three port terminals inside the port area itself is now functional, the Import ICD Containers arriving at any of the terminals including BMCT terminal should be assigned for scanning at "M" scanner stationed at the respective terminals (GTI/JNPT/DP World). BMCT containers should be allowed for "M" scanning at any of the terminals till such time the "M" scanner is commissioned at BMCT. (JNCH concluded that ICD containers of vessels berthed at BMCT will now be diverted to MXCS at JNCH / NSICT until the scanner at BMCT comes into operation. PN has yet to be issued in the matter & hence the same may kindly be issued by JNCH).

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

The matter had already been flagged to National Customs Targeting Centre (NCTC). In response, NCTC has confirmed that ICD containers are being marked for Mobile scanner located inside the Terminals.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

c) It was also discussed at the PTFC meeting of 29th Dec 2021 that BMCT had not been permitting the Shipping Lines to deploy private transporters for moving the containers through the Express Road between BMCT & the other three terminals, for scanning purposes. It was therefore informed by the Chair that a meeting would be arranged with BMCT to have this matter resolved. (The same is still pending).

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

BMCT vide letter dated 10.01.2022 has confirmed that Express Road between BMCT & the other three terminals is being used for movement of TP and ITRHO Containers. A request has been made to JNPT to allow movement of Transhipment and ITRHO containers between the BMCT and other terminals for scanning, through the internal road.

> [बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

> > समाप्त/Point

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 05/Agenda Point No.05: <u>SCANNING DURING NIGHT HOURS</u>: Scanning at mobile scanning site is not performed in the night hours – It has been reported by our members that mobile scanning is not performed in night hours by the officers posted at mobile scanning site which delays evacuation of container. Officers posted at scanning site should be directed to perform scanning in night hours also as it was being facilitated earlier.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

Mobile Scanners are operational 24x7 hours and all officers deputed for scanning duties are already directed to perform their duty with due diligence.

[बिन्दु Closed]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 06/Agenda Point No.06: SCANNING AT ANOTHER MOBILE SCANNING SITE</u> DUE TO NON-FUNCTIONING OF THE MOBILE SCANNER:

In case of non-functioning of any mobile scanner, sometimes members are insisted to arrange permission from scanning department to get the container scanned at other mobile scanning site. Most of the times no separate permission is required to get the container scanned at any mobile scanning site located inside the port terminal when the mobile scanner stationed at the concerned port terminal develops any technical issues/becomes non-functional. Sometimes when this issue occurs, the officers posted on mobile scanning site insist our members to arrange separate customs permission for scanning of container at other mobile scanning site. We request JNCH to direct all concerned officers on mobile scanning site to allow scanning at any on the mobile scanning site whenever such a situation arises.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

In case of technical glitches or malfunctioning of the software or scanning machine, Site engineer is immediately contacted to resolve the issue. If issue remains unsolved for more than 30 minutes, all pending containers are invariably marked to another mobile scanner endorsing reverse of EIR copy. No separate permission is required for scanning of containers at other mobile scanning site. All the officers are directed to comply with the above procedure.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point

Closed]

<u>आई.एम.सी. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु/Agenda Points raised by IMC</u> Shipping and Logistics Committee

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 01/Agenda Point No.01:</u> <u>Requirement of IE Code for importing or exporting</u> <u>goods for personal use:</u> As per General provision regarding import, Chapter 2 of the Handbook of Procedure Vol.1 the requirement of IEC Numbers have been clearly mandated, as to which Importer needs to apply for IEC and which Importer are exempt from IEC, and can use the General Code.

The said provision categorically states that "Persons /Institutions/Hospitals importing or exporting goods for personal use, not connected with trade or manufacture or agriculture." Persons /Institutions/Hospitals importing or exporting goods for personal use, not connected with trade or manufacture or agriculture. A specific IEC and General Code 0100000053 has been specified.

Despite the above provision, it has been noted that when an individual imports household furniture, household cutlery, house crockery which is for personal use and which is not connected with any Trade, the Custom Department insists on a specific IEC Number and General Code 0100000053 not accepted. Clearance is permitted only on imposition of fine and penalty.

In light of the above we seek clarification, as to why an individual importing household furniture, household cutlery, house crockery etc. for personal use, are required to apply for a separate IEC Number, when the provisions do not stipulate the same.

Items imported for personal use and not connected with trade or manufacture or agriculture are being cleared against a specific and general Code 0100000053 in JNCH. No case involving such items being imported with a separate IEC has been adjudicated in JNCH. However, the trade is advised to bring such specific cases with the Bill of Entry number to the notice of the higher officers.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

सी.एफ.एस.ए.आई. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु /Agenda Points raised by <u>CFSAI</u>

<u>prtflarg</u> <u>tites</u> <u>102/Agenda Point No.02</u>: <u>Delay in release of Containers by BMCT with</u> <u>regards to PN 57/2018</u>. Vide JNCH PN 57/2018 dated 10th April 2018 DPD/DPD/CFS Containers after 48 hours are moved by the Terminals to the CFSs. Whilst all the Terminals are following the PN, BMCT alone is releasing the containers after 72 hours of completion of discharge which is resulting in delayed movement, increase in dwell time and additional costs of Ground Rent passed by the Shipping Lines to the CFSs. The case is similar even for non PN 57 containers where PN is being allocated after completion of total discharge resulting in delayed movement and addition of Ground Rent Charges. We request JNCH intervention in advising BMCT to move the boxes after 48 hours instead of 72 hours of completion of discharge that shall assist the EXIM Trade in avoiding any delayed movement and addition of logistics costs.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-

Matter has been taken up with the BMCT and they ensured that with immediate effect they will ensure evacuation of all DPD- DPD containers upon completion of 48 hours.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point

Closed]

<u>बी.सी.बी .ए.के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु /Agenda Points raised by</u> BCBA

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 02/Agenda Point No.02: Bonding procedure after bonding of the goods members have to approach custodian for receiving of the goods and same has to be produced to bond department physically or else ex-bond B/E cannot be filed.

They refered to PTFC meeting held in June 21 wherein issue was regarding receiving of Bonded Goods through email should be accepted instead of physically. The same was recorded in the minutes but not being implemented by Bond Dept. Hence, they requested to kindly issue a guidelines or suitable instruction/Public notice in this regards.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

Public Notice No. 104/2021 dated 29.12.2021 has already been issued to streamline the procedure for handling of goods in Warehouses and to avoid physical contact and make the process digital. Accordingly, the acknowledgement of receipt of goods into the warehouse will be informed by digital procedure as prescribed in the said PN. The said PN has already been communicated to all public/private warehouse holders for compliance.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

[बिन्दु

[बिन्दु

Closed]

समाप्त/Point

समाप्त/Point

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 03/Agenda Point No.03: Permission for the advance registration of First time importers / exporters: As per the current practice of registration of first time imports, live B/E or S/B is required, which is delayed the clearance, resulting detention and demurrages for the trade. As per the earlier PTFC meeting they have requested to allow the same in advance registration before arrival of the goods.

The trade hereby requested that the same has been implemented and other ports registration also to be permitted for the same. The suitable necessary instruction or P.N. to be issued. प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-

As per the current practice for registration of First time Exporter/Importer, live Bill of Entry or Shipping Bill is called for to minimize registration of fake/dummy IEC and to ensure genuineness/existence of Importer Exporter. However, the issue will be examined to find out the best possible solution.

Closed] कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 04/Agenda Point No.04: <u>Amendment in Container Status</u>:-Amendments which are carried at group i.e. LCL/FCL containers numbers, separate ACL menu to be developed in system. DC Docks may be empowered to complete amendments. This will help amendment clearance faster.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

The issue is being examined and necessary steps would be taken after consulting the DG Systems.

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 05/Agenda Point No.05: Samples sent for testing:- Any BE sent by FAG officer for testing to DYCC or Textile Committee, reports are generated online through system. There is no mechanism for FAG officers to verify that the report has received through online. We request you to kindly set up some mechanism that the report should be auto populated on screen of concern FAG officer and the same may be assessed accordingly.

<u> प्रतिक्रिया/Response:-</u>

The issue is being examined and necessary steps would be taken after consulting the DG Systems.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/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 <u>appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in</u> 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 Pr. Commissioner of Customs, NS-I.
- **8.** Minutes are placed on JNCH website and also being sent through emails to the members.

Sd/-

(पी. जे. एम. रेड्डी/P.J.M. Reddy) सहायक आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क / Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, मूल्यनिरूपण मुख्य(आयात)/ Appraising Main (I), जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा/ JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

सेवा में / To,

पीटीएफसी के सभी सदस्यों को ई मेल के माध्यमसे /All the Members of PTFC(through email) प्रतिलिपि/Copy to :(ई मेल के माध्यम से)

- 1) मुख्य आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क, मुंबई अंचल-II/Chief Commissioner of Customs, MUM Zone-II;
- 2) प्रधान अपर महा निदेशक, करदाता सेवा महानिदेशालय, मुंबई/The Principal Add. Director General, Directorate General of Tax Payers Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit, room No 138/139, New Custom House, Mumbai-400001(<u>mzu-dgtps@gov.in</u>);
- 3) लोकपाल , अप्रत्यक्ष कर, मुंबई/ The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai;
- 4) सीमाशुल्क आयुक्त, मुंबई अंचल-II/ Commissioner of Customs,MUM Zone-II;
- 5) सभी अपर/संयुक्त आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा/All ADCs/JCs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
- 6) सभी उपा सहा. आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा/All DCs/ACs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
- 7) सहा/उप आयुक्त,ईडीआई, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवाको अविलंब वैबसाइट में अपलोड करने के लिए/AC/DC, EDI, JNCH, Nhava Sheva, for uploading in JNCH website;
- 8) कार्यालय प्रति/Office Copy.