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**OFFICE OF THE PR.COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS- I),**  
**मूल्यनिरूपण मुख्य (आयात)/APPRAISING MAIN (IMPORT)**

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**दिनांक 26/02/2021 को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (आयात) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE**  
**(IMPORT) HELD ON 26.02.2021**

The PTFC meeting held through video conference on 26.02.2021 was chaired by U. Niranjana, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), Shri R K Mishra Commissioner of Customs (NS-V & III), Shri Sunil Kumar Mall, Commissioner of Customs (NS-Audit) and Shri Sanjay Mahendru , Commissioner of Customs (NS-II & General). The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:-

क्रमसं./ Sr. No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names(S. Shri / Ms./Mrs.)	(संगठन/संघ/ पदनाम) Organization/Association/Designation
1.	Pareesh Shah	WISA
2.	P.G. Rao	JNPT
3.	Rajsekhar	United Phosphorous Ltd.
4.	Nimish Desai	WISA
5.	Vinayak Baparaj	BCBA
6.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
7.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
8.	Maruti Gadge	MCMA
9.	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
10.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
11.	Shyam CSLA	CSLA
12.	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
13.	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
14.	Faiz Sayyed	BMCT
15.	Jacob Thomas	CFSAI
16.	Rekha	CSLA
17.	Pareesh Thakkar	BCBA
18.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
19.	Tej Contractor	BCBA
20.	V.K. Agarwal	Mirc Electronics Ltd. (ONIDA)
21.	Capt. Iyyer	MANSA
22.	Manish Kumar	MANSA
23.	Mrs Ganguly	AIWBA

24.	Shailendra Penkar	
25.	Vasant	
26.	Paresh Vaivade	
27.	Salim Shikalgar	
28.	SR	
29.	V. Rajappan	CDSCO
30.	Kalpesh Jadhav	
31.	Sushant Satish Mahtre	
32.	Vinay	
33.	Dinesh Gautam	
34	Capt. Savio Carnerio	IAL
35	Mr. Subhash Rajkumar	Hapag Lloy
36	Shankar Shinde	FFFAI
37	R.K.Rubin	AMTOI

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

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting –

क्रमसं./ Sr.No.	नाम (सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names(S. Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	पदनाम Designation
1.	Saroj Samaiya	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	S. K. H. Meshram	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Ajit Dan	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

3. Shri Ajit Dan, Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH, started the discussion on the agenda points of the meeting related to the import.

4. **कार्य बिन्दु/AGENDA POINTS:**

**सी.एस.एल.ए. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु/Agenda Point raised by CSLA**

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 01/Agenda Point 01: EMPTY CONTAINERS FOR SCANNING:**

The shipping lines have been going out of their way to reposition of empty containers into the country, at a huge cost, to help meet the demand for exports. In addition to these costs, the lines have to incur extra costs for getting these empty containers moved for scanning.

Recently, one of our member lines, HAPAG LLOYD, had a peculiar case on one of their vessels, Hong Kong Express, where, out of the 400 empty containers that arrived, 200 were earmarked for scanning.

The issue here is that the scanning list was generated only after 53 hours of the vessel's berthing by which time the containers had moved out to the line's empty storage yard. Out of these, 35 containers were allotted to customers who stuffed, sealed and moved the boxes into the terminal for export loading. Customs now want the line to complete the process of 'scanning the empty containers' after moving these loaded containers back, de-stuffing them and then scanning them. This will unnecessarily add to the cost and cause undue delay to the export shipments and hence may please be avoided. Also, in the future, scanning list, if any, should be furnished to the shipping lines within a maximum of six hours after the discharge of the containers.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** M/s Hapag-Lloyd India Ltd., without taking any permission have moved the empty container without scanning and allotted them for export cargo stuffing. However, it is pertinent to state that once empty containers are selected for scanning, it needs to be scanned for various reasons. As such, empty containers selected for scanning cannot be allowed for usage unless and until it is scanned. Further, as per Public Notice 68/2006 dated 28.11.2006, it is duty of Shipping Line and CFSs to present the containers, so chosen, for scanning.

However, in case of delay in generation of scanning list or for any other reasons, the Shipping Lines may take prior permission before diversion of such selected empty containers, so that such unnecessary incident are avoided.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

**सी.एफ.एस.ए.आई. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु/Agenda Point raised by CFSAI**

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 01/Agenda Point 01: Scanning List Generated by Custom System:** In the IGM of a particular vessel, wherein, the list of containers earmarked for scanning is shown, it is observed that in some cases under the column “*description of Goods*” apart from goods description another container number details are also written. We understand from Shipping Lines that in all probabilities this container may be under the same Bill of Lading as the selected scanned container”.

Our Member CFSs do not have full clarity whether the container number selected by system for scanning is to be sent for scanning or in addition , container number mentioned in the *column “description of goods”* also needs to be scanned or is to be ignored. Seek clarity in this regard.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** In regard to container numbers shown in the “description of goods column”, it needs to be checked/verified. The containers which are selected for scanning as per scanning list generated by ICEGATE/RMCC only needs to be presented to CSD for scanning.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 02/Agenda Point 02: Uploading of certain information of Import Advance List (IAL) by shipping lines on JNCH DPD portal providing clarity for DPD containers:** As per PN No. 61/2017 dated 11.05.2017 on the above mentioned subject, “stacking code” allotted by shipping lines in advance to DPD Importers be provided and following procedure was defined to be followed by all stakeholders:

i. Shipping lines are required to upload a file containing following details (as contained in IAL) on JNCH DPD Portal ([www.dpdjnch.com](http://www.dpdjnch.com)). For the said purpose, as assured, username and passwords were send to all shipping lines individually by your good office. It was also advised to collect the same from Deputy / Assistant Commissioner in charge of DPD Cell, NS-III (Phone No-022-27244779, email address: [appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in](mailto:appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in)) in case of any problem in receiving user name & password.

- Sr. No.
- Container No.
- Stacking code
- DPD Code

ii. While uploading aforesaid file, shipping lines are also required to indicate following details in respect of aforesaid IAL:

- Vessel No
- Voyage No

iii. Once above information is uploaded, the same can be viewed by DPD Clients.

Although clear directive was issued and “message exchange facility” the Customs has facilitated the trade by providing access of “IAL view” through Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House website from which the CFS can identify the nomination of the containers on vessel basis. As per the requirement of shipping lines, “advance intimation” of at least 72 hours is being submitted by importer availing DPD Facility.

However there are substantial number of such transactions and many shipping line are not updating the IAL due to which DPD clients as well as CFS would not be aware of the stacking code allotted by shipping lines to make necessary arrangements.

In view of the above we seek your kind intervention to issue a necessary instruction for analysis of the subject matter and mandating the shipping lines for IAL updation promptly to assist in eliminating delay in the movement of containers under this category to facilitate the trade. Informatively, we have made representations vide our letters dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 & 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** Necessary instruction have already been issued to shipping line vide Public Notice No. 61/2017 dated 11.05.2017 in order to provide access to ‘stacking code’ allotted by the shipping line on JNCH DPD portal ([www.dpdjnch.com](http://www.dpdjnch.com)).

Further, CSLA has informed that they have received confirmation from their key member lines that the info is being uploaded by them. It would, therefore, help if CFSAI inform them about the names of the lines that are not doing so.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 03/Agenda Point 03: Delays in receiving the list of Import**

**Containers earmarked for scanning:** Our Member CFSs at times continue to face difficulties as the list of import containers earmarked for scanning are not received timely and in some cases it is received much after the vessel has berthed and discharge has commenced. In absence of scanning list or if the same is generated late CFSs can commence evacuating the import containers after 8 hours from the Terminal to CFS as per JNCH PN15 dated 07<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Later when the CFSs receive the scanning list when the Import containers have actually arrived at the CFSs, additional H&T cost & time is involved in deploying TT’s to send the container earmarked for scanning from CFS to the Scanning Division. We once again seek your kind intervention in addressing this issue at the earliest.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** The scanning list for IGMs are generated and sent through Emails by ICEGATE/RMCC to all CFSs and Terminals.

In case of delay or non-generation of scanning list, CSD Section send request emails to RMCC. Once the scanning list is received from RMCC, it is immediately forwarded to all CFSs and Terminals to avoid further delay in clearance of containers.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

**वी.आई.एस.ए. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु/Agenda Point raised by WISA**

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 01/Agenda Point 01: Regularisation of BE assessed Provisionally**

**pending Test:** Few years back a special module was created in group officers’ screen to regularise provisional assessment of imported goods, released provisionally for testing. Thereby, there was no need to cancel OOC and re-call BE for finalisation of assessment upon receipt of test report by making a special provision in ICES for this purpose where assessing officer was entering details of test report and finalise the assessment. This feature was working smoothly all these years and trade immensely benefitted due to this.

Now after introduction of e-Sanchit, officers are insisting on test report be uploaded under e-Sanchit before assessment is finalised. This is causing hardship and hundreds of Bills of Entry are pending since it is not possible to add supporting documents to a BE where OOC has been done. We request the same erstwhile process be followed for provisional assessment be finalised till necessary modification is done in system to permit the trade to upload supporting documents under e-Sanchit.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** In view of the Covid 19 pandemic, uploading of test report in e-Sanchit is required to avoid personal interface and contact. Further, for audit purpose also, it will be beneficial.

However, in the cases where the Laboratories are not linked under Single window and where samples were not sent to the Laboratories online, can be finalized on the basis of physical copies of Test Reports.

Further, matter of uploading of Test Report (TR) in the Bill of Entry without cancellation of OOC will be looked into in consultation with DG system.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 02/Agenda Point 02: Valid PTR not being accepted by FAG:** There are many commodities of prime quality raw materials requiring mandatory testing by DyCC and then following consignments of same material from same supplier are allowed clearance without testing until validity of said TR. Almost all FAG are assessing goods provisionally and ordering testing for each and every consignment despite a valid PTR is uploaded under e-Sanchit thereby increasing transaction costs and delay in clearance increasing dwell time.

We request all FAG be sensitised about this so that goods continue to flow without this hurdle.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** Valid PTR is being accepted. All FAG's will also be sensitized.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

### **बी.सी.बी.ए. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु/Agenda Point raised by BCBA**

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 01/Agenda Point 01:** This is in reference to Bill of Entry assessed prior to Implementation of CAROTAR Regulation. AEO/DPD clients were permitted to clear shipments on self-certified copies of CO. Public Notice No 50/2020 dated 9.4.2020 was also issued by JNCH where Importers can submit original CO within 15 days after lockdown is over. Many importers have submitted original CO for verification, few have been cancelled and few are still pending for cancellation reason that signature verification yet not received.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** B/E is being finalized on receipt of the defaced COOs from TSK, JNCH as per procedures in vogue, prior to introduction of Carotar Rules, 2020.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 02/Agenda Point 02:** CAROTAR Regulation was introduced on 21<sup>ST</sup> September, 2020. Assessment was allowed only on presentation of original CO. Many assessment were done after defacing of original CO and many were assessed provisionally with bond and bank guarantee. CAROTAR Regulation says it will take 60 days for verification and if found in order, Bank Guarantee will be cancelled. We have received feedback from members that confirmation of signatures are still not received, hence, Bond BG are still pending for cancellation and Bill of Entries are not finalised for the same.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** On the receipt of the defaced COOs from the concerned parties, the same is being finalized and TSK is being informed the same for cancellation of Bond/BG.

Further, letters have already been issued to CBIC under Rule 3 of determination of Origin of Goods under Asia Pacific Trade Agreement Rules, 2006 for verification of the genuineness of 'Criteria of Origin' of goods. Replies/verification reports are still awaited in some cases. However, all the groups will be advised to take stock of the latest position and wherever, verification reports are received, assessment will be taken up for finalization.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 03/Agenda Point 03:**

- (a) **KYC first time imports:** As per PN 112/2017 first time importers/ Exporters verification, Importers have to produce copy of VAT.  
**सुझाव/Suggestion:** Vat has been replaced by GST which entire data is transmitted to GST online
- (b) **IEC Copy:**  
**सुझाव/Suggestion:** IEC Copy IEC is already linked with customs and in income tax also
- (c) **Certificate from bank:**  
**सुझाव/Suggestion:** While filing Bill of Entry importers are declaring AD code, Remittance is made or received
- (d) Balance Sheet:  
**सुझाव/Suggestion:** As IEC is linked with income tax, all IEC will be upgraded in system
- (e) Proof of Payment:  
**सुझाव/Suggestion:** Faceless being introduced Lc/ Contract/ proof of payment is uploaded under e-sanchit for assessment.
- (f) Copy of PAN Card:  
**सुझाव/Suggestion:** IEC is already linked with income tax.

Looking in to the above facts, we request you to please withdraw PN for first time import/ Export.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** Physical verification of address declared in the IEC has to be done necessarily for prevention of fraudulent activities.

Identity and functioning of the importer at the declared address has to be verified by using reliable, independent sources.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

**कार्य बिन्दु संख्या 04/Agenda Point 04: Faceless issues:** In order to improve the dwell time for clearance, it is important that clearances under Faceless need to be speedier. We suggest the following:

- a) Proper redressal mechanism for consignments which are stuck for more than 48 hrs. We suggest that if the BE is not attended / assessed within 48 hrs. Either it should be assessed under RMS or it should be assessed at PAG with a priority.
- b) Monitoring of Queries and improper Examination orders which are delaying the clearances.
- c) Unwanted queries, repeated queries, First Check orders examination order, etc., is delaying the clearances. Even after query reply it some takes 4-5 days for Bill of Entry to be completed.

**सुझाव/Suggestion:** There is need to check number of queries, avoidance of piecemeal query & time-wise requirement of completion of Bill of Entries immediate after query reply.

- d) Unilateral enhancement of value, changing of classification, denying of exemption notification, without raising a query is being resorted to.

We request that due process of law needs to be followed up in such cases.

**प्रतिक्रिया/Response:** The FAG staffs have been sensitized regarding unwanted queries, repeated queries, first Check orders, etc. Emphasis on dwell time is also being laid.

[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 [appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in](mailto: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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पीटीएफसी के सभी सदस्यों को ई मेल के माध्यमसे /All the Members of PTFC(through email)

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to :(ई मेल के माध्यम से )

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- 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([mzu-dgtps@gov.in](mailto:mzu-dgtps@gov.in));
- 3) लोकपाल , अप्रत्यक्ष कर, मुंबई/The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai;
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- 5) सभी अपर/संयुक्त आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा /All ADCs/JCs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
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