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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT) HELD ON 31.01.2019.

The PTFC meeting held on 31.01.2019 was chaired by Shri Manas Ranjan Mohanty, Commissioner of Customs (NS-II). Shri Sunil Kumar Mall, Commissioner of Customs (NS-III) and Shri Utkaarsh R. Tiwaari, Commissioner of Customs (NS-G) attended the meeting. The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:-

Sr. No.	Names (S/Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1.	Manish Kumar	MANSA
2.	Rajasekhar R	UPL
3.	Om Prakash Agrawal	MSWA
4.	Vinayak B. Aparaj	BCBA
5.	Shankar Shinde	BCBA
6.	Venkat Narayanan	CFSAI
7.	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
8.	Maruti R. Gadge	BCBA
9.	Neelesh Datir	AICBIEA
10.	Ashok Saini	BCBA
11.	Vinay Pathak	A.V Global
12.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
13.	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
14.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
15.	Mrs. Ganguly	AIWCBA
16.	Roshan Irani	AIWCBA
17.	Sohel F Kazani	AMTOI
18.	Nirav C Thakker	BCBA
19.	Bakshi Md. Hanif	MANSA
20.	Paresh Shah	WISA
21.	Nimish Desai	WISA
22.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
23	James Joseph	CFSAI

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting:-

Sr.	Names (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
No.		
1.	Sanjay Kumar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	R.K Singh	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Kailash Chandra Kala	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Alok Srivastava	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

5.	Kamlesh Kumar Gupta	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Vijay J Manvatkar	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Vishal D. Jaronde	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	Shashank Dwivedi	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9.	Dhirendra Kumar	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

2. At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members and discussed the agenda points relating to Import Commissionerates first followed by agenda points of the Export/General Commissionerates.

The discussion & decision in respect of agenda points pertaining to NS-G & NS-II Commissionerates are as under:-

# **Old Points**

## <u>Point No. 1: Exports is suffering heavily due to improper administration and co-ordination</u> <u>at Parking Plaza:-</u>

Parking Plaza's were created to facilitate faster movement of export containers and reduce the congestion. However, the purpose of creation of Parking Plaza's to facilitate faster movement of export goods has been fully defeated. If this not monitored, this will very detrimental for index of Ease of Doing Business of the country. The following points may be kindly noted:

- Erratic Functioning of EDI system without a proper power backup is delaying export consignments considerably.
- Frequent Power failure is resulting in delay in processing of consignments and issuance of receipts. In present day and age, holding of export containers due to power failure is resulting in criminal wastage of man hours and transaction time, All the parking plaza's should have proper power generator backup mandatorily.
- Administration at Customs JNCH Building should ensure that power lines are not switched off at night because in the current scenario, the contractor abruptly shuts down the genset at night thereby disturbing the connectivity of EDI System at Parking Plaza.
- Delay in container survey.
- Delay of Entry of containers in parking plaza is often hampered due lack of proper network connectivity resulting in RFID readers unable to read the e-seal. We suggest that robust WiFi facility should be provided.

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that these issues have already been discussed in a separate meeting on 22.01.2019. The meeting was attended by parking plaza managements, officers and trade representatives. Infrastructure issues are already being addressed. Shift based posting of parking plaza officers has already been issued effective from 01.02.2019 which would help in reducing the workload and improve productivity. Traffic and congestion related issues are also being discussed with the parking plaza managements.

(Issue Closed)

# **New Points**

# <u>Point No.1: Minor mismatch of the error of manual typing of Container No Correction to</u> <u>be allowed at the time of LEO:-</u>

We suggest that suitable instructions should be given to Superintendent for correction in Container No. or any other Error mismatch immediately in parking plaza Superintendent EDI system menu while taking LEO at Parking Plaza. Currently such type of errors are rectified by the superintendent/ Inspector by endorsing the initial on exporter copy manually for handover the Shipping Bill to the Shipping line but the remains uncorrected in System, as a result the system shows EGM Error due to which DBK/ROSL/MEIS/GST are being held up.

We therefore request that suitable instructions should be given to superintendent or Inspector to rectify such errors in the system immediately.

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that the issue is being examined and efforts will be made to ensure the rectification of the issue at the earliest.

(Issue Open)

## Point No. 2: 24x7 Assessment and Examination on holidays

Discussion: The Chair informed that the issue is already under consideration and decision will soon be taken in this regard based on the volume of work on Sundays.

(Issue Closed)

## Point No. 3: BMCT Approval Issue:-

BMCT does not have its own parking plaza. The total clearance procedure of BMCT container is being done in JNPT Parking Plaza, but for approval after LEO, the custom broker has to travel to BMCT which is 2 KM away. This increases the dwell time and cost. Hence we suggest that the entire process should be done at BMCT Parking Plaza.

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that the issue will be addressed once the Mega Parking Plaza is operational in the near future.

(Issue Closed)

## <u>Point No. 4: CCR Instruction and examination order in the Export SB regarding valuation</u> is not in conformity with law and leading to delay in clearances considerably.:-

New CCR Instructions are conveying cases of over valuation and under valuation based on the previous exports. Each transaction value is different in terms of Customs Valuation Rules 2007 and without following the process of law laid down under Customs Valuation Rules 2007, under valuation or over valuation cannot be directly termed in the SB. This is leading to delay in clearance of export consignment and increase in dwell time.

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that the issue is being handled on an individual case to case basis and have been taken up with RMCC. (Issue Closed)

## Point No. 5: Providing the RFID readers to CFS:-

BCBA has represented that for faster movement of export containers and for reducing congestion at Parking Plaza, CFS's should be provided RFID readers for all self-sealed containers. This point has been addressed several times in recent months and we request for immediate implementation of the same. Also, certain CFS has already shown interest in procuring RFID readers.

**Discussion:** The Chair asked the trade representatives to provide the data pertaining to the volume of work handled by various CFSs and mentioned that the decision in this regard will be taken based on this data.

## (Issue Closed)

The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at 11:30 AM at Conference Hall, 7th Floor, JNCH. All the Association members were requested to forward their agenda points, if any, **at least 07 working days in advance (latest by 21/02/2019) via e-mail to Appraising Main (Export) Section on apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in** for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting. Please ensure the strict compliance of the deadline for submission of the agenda points to ensure the uploading of the agenda points on JNCH website in due course of time.

- 3. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
- 4. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-II.
- 5. Minutes are placed on JNCH website and also being sent through emails to the members.

-Sd-(Kamlesh Kumar Gupta) Joint Commissioner of Customs, Appraising Main (Export), NS – II, JNCH.

To,

- 1. All the Members of PTFC (through email)
- 2. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
- 3. 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*).
- 4. The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai.
- 5. All Commissioners of Customs, Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
- 6. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
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