

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-II) JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA TAL: URAN, DIST. RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA-400707.

Date: 01.12.2019

F. No. S/12-Gen-60/2018-19 AM(X)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT) HELD ON 28.11.2019.

The PTFC meeting held on 28.11.2019 was chaired by Shri S.K. Vimalanathan, Commissioner of Customs (NS-III), Shri Sanjay Mahendru, Commissioner of Customs (NS-Gen & Ns-II), and Shri R K Mishra, Commissioner of Customs (NS-V). The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:—

Sr. No.	Names (S/Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1.	Hardik Vaidya	NSIGT
2.	Capt. B. Janandu	DPW
3.	Shailesh Mishra	BMCT
4.	Faiz Sayyed	BMCT
5.	Prashant Satish Mhatre	APMT - GTI
6.	Nimish Desai	WISA
7.	Paresh Shah	WISA
8.	LakshaTadadikar	CFSAI
9.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
10.	Shankar Shinde	FFFAI
11.	Vinayak B. Apasaj	BCBA
12.	Ganpat P. Korade	BCBA
13.	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
14.	Rajasekhar R.	UPL Ltd.
15.	R. K. Rubin	AMTOI
16.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
17.	Omprakash Agrawal	MSWA
18.	P. G. Rao	JNPT
19.	Nishaikant Chaugule	ONIDA
20.	Avinash B. Buge	JNPT
21.	N. Rajendran	CONCOR-CFS-DRT
22.	Kamlesh Agnihotri	MSWC - CFS
23.	Yogesh Dixit	APMT - CFS
24.	Sanjeev Vasu	APMT - CFS
25.	Jeetendra V. Kadu	HIND TERMINALS
26.	Venlutran Narayanen	CFSAI

Following Officers from the department also attended the meeting:-

Sr.	Names (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
No.		
1.	Kailash Chandra Kala	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	Rajiv Ranjan	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Kamlesh Kumar Gupta	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Vijay J. Manvatkar	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Vishal D. Jorande	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	T. Arivazhagan	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Dipin Singla	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	Manish Thapaliyal	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9.	Saroj Samaiya	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
10.	D. B. Mohapatra	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

2) Shri T. Arivazhagan, Joint Commissioner of Customs, Appraising Main (Export), JNCH, initiated the discussion related to the agenda points of the meeting.

New Agenda Points

Agenda Points represented by Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association

Point No. 1: Improvement in Dwell time for Exports:-

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association has placed an agenda point that a view to achieve target of 1 Trillion Dollars for Export as per High Level Advisory Report of Govt. of India, and had suggested the following measures which would help to simplify export process and promote exports by reduction in dwell time and transaction cost.

i. Requirement of timely processing of export shipment during Holidays and Sundays.

Facts of the Matter: The Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House has already issued Public Notice No. 37/2019 for timely processing of export shipment during Holidays and Sundays.

In the course of discussion, the BCBA representative brought to notice that on holidays and Sundays, shipping bills are not assessed by CEAC. It was requested that on holidays and Sundays, the assessment role may be allocated to officers posted in Parking Plaza.

Commissioner of Customs (NS-II) has assured to examine the issue of allocating the assessment role to the officers posted in Parking Plaza after seeking comments from CEAC and Parking Plaza.

(DC/CEAC & DC/Parking Plaza)

ii. RMS facilitated SB to be given LEO by Shed Superintendent.

Facts of the Matter: In this regard, reference is invited to Board Circular No. 23/2013-Custom dated 24.06.2013 and Public Notice No. 14/2014 dated 15.05.2019 of JNCH.

Para 5 of above said Board Circular states as under:

"The RMS will also provide instructions for Apprising Officer/Superintendent, Examining Officer/Inspector or the Let Export Oder (LEO) Officer, wherever necessary. The decisions communicated by the RMS on the need for verification of self-assessment and/or examination and

the appraising and examination instructions communicated by the RMS have be followed by the field formations."

Para 8 of above said Public Notice states as under:

"Examination and Let Export Order (LEO): based on the RMS output a Shipping Bill may be sent for assessment and examination or examination alone without any assessment. Such Shipping Bills will be examined by the officers based on the RMS instructions/examination order given in the system by Export Appraising Section and suggested CCRs. The existing system of selection of package numbers and SSO ID of officer for examination by the system after the goods registration will continue. The RMS instructions will be displayed when the officer enters the Shipping Bill Number for examination report. System of goods registration followed by examination/inspection and Let Export Order (LEO) will continue. In the case of Shipping Bills which are not selected for examination, the officers will inspect only the marks and numbers, or seal number of the consignment and integrity of the seal as the case may be, and proceed to give Let Export Order after the Exporter/Cha complies with the CRs and produces and required documents."

In view of the above Board Circular and Public Notice the role of Examiner cannot be dispensed with and hence the RMS shipping bills cannot be given LEO directly by the Shed Superintendent.

(Point Closed)

iii. Utilisation of morning hours for timely issuance of LEO.

Facts of the Matter: The officers in the field do utilise the morning hours for issuance of LEO. The officers are also instructed to comply with the instructions issued vide the Public Notice No. 113/2017 for timely issuance of LEO.

(Point Closed)

iv. Due to connectivity issues with PGAs, upon receipt of manual NOC from PGA, LEO to be granted.

Facts of the Matter: Recently, there were instances of delay in processing of Shipping Bills due to connectivity problem at PGA Office. In order to avoid delay, the said Shipping Bills were allowed manually after taking necessary endorsement from PGA officials as per Public Notice No. 13/2017, Para No. 3 (i). The issue being a scarce occurrence.

(Point Closed)

v. Post Shipment amendment in case of bonafide errors need to be carried out EDI system by Cancellation of LEO.

Facts of the Matter: Presently, there is no provision in the EDI system to amend Shipping Bill after filing of EGM. In such cases, shipment certificate is issued to exporter indicating the amendment. Further, this issue has already been taken up with D.G./Systems, New Delhi for remedial measure.

(Point Closed)

vi. Inspite of documents being submitted through E-Sanchit, then to the examiners are insisting on original hard copies to be shown for registration.

Facts of the Matter: As per P.No. 07/19 dated 16/01/2019, the uploading of the documents on E-Sanchit is mandatory with effect from 01/01/2019. The necessary instructions have already been given to the field officer not to ask any documents when all required documents uploaded in E-

Sanchit. The trade is also requested to upload legible copies to avoid the need to call for original documents.

(Point Closed)

Point No 2: Non Transmission of Shipping Bills to DGFT:-

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association has placed an agenda point that members are still getting problems to transmission of Shipping Bills data to DGFT, kindly look in to the same.

Facts of the Matter: Transmission of Shipping Bills to DGFT from Customs after LEO is effected automatically by the system. But due to some unknown system errors few Shipping Bills does not get transmitted to DGFT automatically. In case of these Shipping Bills, when informed by the exporter, EDI Section immediately carries out the re-transmission.

But still in some of the cases even after many attempts Shipping Bills do not get retransmitted to DGFT owing to some unknown technical glitch at ICEGATE. The issue being a rare occurance, howsoever, the issue has already been raised before DG Systems.

(Point Closed)

Point No 3: Erratic functioning of System on Saturday & Holiday:-

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association has placed an agenda point that members are facing problems on Saturday & Holiday of erratic functioning of systems due to poor connectivity of MTNL and TATA lines, Request you to kindly look in to the same.

Facts of the Matter: The interruptions generally occurs due to two reasons one the connectivity of MTNL or TCL lines and other due to slow or non – working of the ICES Application.

The connectivity issue usually appears when the lease-lines of MTNL or TCL are down. Recently we faced a situation where MTNL was down for a week due to Fibre Cut. The situation became adverse when backup TCL line also started interrupting due to fibre cut. For immediate resolution the EDI Section raises a ticket with DG System CBIC LAN WAN Section.

Resident Engineers of HP also took up the matter with their HP Office who is authorised to monitor the service provider TCL and MTNL. The recent updates are shared immediately for ICES application interruption also the ticket is raised immediately.

The Officers are sensitive for the reason that even a slightest instance of interruption, the issue is raised on Whatsapp Group. Then EDI section takes up immediately.

Recently Commissioner NS-I has also shared all these issue with ADG LAN/WAN for a more stable and interruption free connectivity and working of ICES.

(Point Closed)

The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 26th December, 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 10 working days in**

advance via e-mail to Appraising Main (Export) Section on apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

- 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/(D.B. Mohapatra)

Assistant 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, NhavaSheva.
- 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, NhavaSheva.
- 6. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
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