OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-II) MUMBAI CUSTOMS ZONE-II, APPRAISING MAIN (EXPORT), JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA, TALUKA: URAN, DISTRICT RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA-400707.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT), HELD ON 26.11.2020

Date:

.12.2020

The P.T.F.C. meeting was held on 26.11.2020, through video conferencing. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sanjay Mahendru, Commissioner of Customs (NS-Gen & NS-II).

2. The meeting was attended by the following Members of the trade:

Sr.No.	Names (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Organization/Association
1	P.G. Rao	JNPT
2	R.K. Rubin	AMTOI
3	Leena Ganguly	AIWCBA
4	Divya	-
5	V.K. Agarwal	Mirc Electronics Ltd. (ONIDA)
6	Rajasekhar R.	United Phosphorus Ltd.
7	K.U. Methekar	-
8	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
9	Jeyaseelan	-
10	Shankar Shinde	BCBA
11	Manish Kumar	MANSA
12	Paresh Thakker	-
13	Rahul Bhojani	-
14	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
15	Ravi D. Rao	JNPT
16	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
17	Shailesh Nimbalkar	-
18	Maruti Gadge	BCBA
19	Nimish Desai	WISA
20	Capt. lyyer	MANSA
21	Paras Shah	-
22	Srini	-
23	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
24	Tej Contractor	-
25	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
26	Bakshi Mohd. Hanif	MANSA

27	V. Rajappan	-
28	Vasant	-
29	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
30	Yamuna Nair	-
31	Ashish Pednekar	-
32	Karunakar Shetty	BCBA
33	D.N. Dheer	-
34	Mehul Kothari	-
35	Sheetal Ahluwalia	-
36	Shankar	Global CHA
37	Rajshekhar R.	-
38	Dushyant Mulani	-

The following officers from the Department attended the meeting:

Sr.No.	Names of the officers (S/Shri)	Designation
1	T. Arivazaghan	Additional Commissioner of Customs
2	Vijay Manvatkar	Joint Commissioner of Customs

3) The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the trade and after introductory talk asked Shri T. Arivazaghan, Additional Commissioner of Customs, J.N.C.H. to take up the agenda points for discussion. The following agenda points were taken up for discussion:

Agenda points proposed by CSLA

Point No.1: SCMT Registration Issues:

CSLA has placed an agenda point that they are struggling to complete SCMT registration process since June 2020. The registration job / query replied by the stakeholder/amendment approval do not reflect on the screen of approving authority of JNCH. The JNCH system manager have written to CBIC / ICEGATE team on many occasions about the above difficulty. Also, the CBIC/DG System team was supposed to resolve these issues in two weeks. They have requested JNCH for a resolution on top priority basis.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed that DC/EDI has raised the above point via email dated 18.11.2020 to Saksham Seva, New Delhi.

[Action: DC/EDI-for follow up & status]

Point No.2: Rejection of CSN files:

CSLA has placed an agenda point that they have tried to test CSN files for import & export as per the schedule given in CBIC Circular No. 43/2020 dt. 30.09.2020 & JNCH P.N. No.141/2020 dt. 11.11.2020 . However, the said files are getting rejected due to non-validation of vessel details, non-generation of PCIN Number & non validation of carrier/transhipper details. For Export CSN, the PCIN number is a mandatory field which is not yet getting generated from customs system. Also all package type codes except "PKG" & haz imo codes are not being accepted by the system. They have requested JNCH to take up these issues with DG System/CBIC team and find solutions for all the highlighted issues.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed that DC/EDI has raised the above point via email dated 18.11.2020 to Saksham Seva, New Delhi.

[Action: DC/EDI-for follow up & status]

Point No.3: Minimum data fields for FROB Cargo (Foreign onboard cargo):

CSLA has placed an agenda point that they were requested by DG System & CBIC team to recommend what all details can be furnished by ASC/ASA for FROB cargo in year 2019. CSLA had suggested minimum data details for FROB cargo which can be furnished by the carrier while filing SAM/SDM. The format of FROB cargo is missing in the latest SCMT Message Implementation Guide. They have requested JNCH to take up this issue with CBIC team and arrange format for FROB cargo as early as possible.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed that DC/EDI has raised the above point via email dated 18.11.2020 to Saksham Seva, New Delhi.

[Action: DC/EDI-for follow up & status]

Point No.4: Long Standing Containers:

CSLA has thanked JNCH for its drive towards the clearance of long standing containers. They have also drawn attention to the discussions at the PTFC Meeting held during September-2020, wherein it was agreed between JNCH and CSLA that regular virtual meetings would be conducted by JNCH with the concerned stakeholders to monitor & expedite the progress towards the destuffing of cargo in long standing containers for making it available to the shipping lines for export bookings.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed that the virtual meetings will be conducted regularly.

[Action: DC/Disposal-for compliance]

Agenda Points from CFSAI

Point No.1: Renewal permission for Direct Stuffing of Agro Commodities:

CFSAI has placed an agenda point that their members have applied for renewal of the permission, given earlier for Direct stuffing of Agro Commodities. The earlier permission has now expired, however, their Members have applied well in advance seeking renewal and before the expiry of previous permission. This is a repeated agenda point and was discussed in the last PTFC Meeting held on 29th Oct 2020, however suitable Guidelines/PN is still being awaited.

<u>Facts of the matter</u>: The Chair informed that the issue is under consideration and the stakeholders would be informed of the steps taken.

[Action: DC/FSP Cell-for compliance]

<u>Point No.2</u>: Damaged Packing's – Permission for repacking of goods in exceptional cases:

CFSAI has placed an agenda point that recent JNCH standing order 33/2020 dated 23.09.2020 states that no repackaging of the export goods shall be allowed inside the premises. However, in exceptional cases where cargo / packing material gets damaged while handling or due to nature of previous packing and repackaging becomes essential, same should be allowed. This point discussed in last PTFC Meeting held on 29th Oct 2020 also, they once again seek intervention through Guidelines / PN in this regard.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed that the issue of allowing repacking of goods inside the premises, in exceptional cases, will be examined.

[Action: DC/CIU-for examining and processing of the issue]

<u>Point No.3</u>: Allowing of Palletization of cargoes in CFSs as per Public Notice No.27/2005 dated 05/05/2005:

CFSAI has placed an agenda point that Standing Order No.33/2020 dated 23.09.2020, which inter-alia states that no repackaging of the export goods shall be allowed inside the premises however, this doesn't state anything on palletization. In absence of clarity the concerned dock officers are disallowing the palletization in CFS premises. This issue was also discussed in the last PTFC meeting dated 29th Oct wherein they had mentioned that palletization of cargoes was being allowed as per PN 27/2005 dated 05/05/2005. They once again seek necessary amendments to the Standing Order 33/2020 issued and PN in this regard.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair drew attention of the members to the discussions held during the previous PTFC meeting. The Chair then had already clarified that the officers would be instructed not to club the issue of re-packing permission with palletization requests and to consider the issue on case to case basis. Since, the issue has already been addressed, there is no need to re-visit the issue.

[Point Closed]

<u>Point No.4</u>- Awaiting Guideline on disposal of export longstanding goods lying in various CFSs for a long period:

CFSAI has placed an agenda point that this issue was also deliberated in the last PTFC Meeting held on 29th Oct 2020 wherein it was requested that JNCH may consider giving one time permission for disposal of 770 containers lying in various CFSs. Necessary instructions / PN are still awaited.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed the members that the relevant Public Notice in this regard will be issued shortly.

[Action:DC/Disposal–for processing the issue]

Agenda Points from BCBA

Point No.1: Self Sealing Permission:

BCBA has placed an agenda point that most of the self-sealing permissions issued by JNCH are valid till 31/12/2020. As per Para 3 of the Public Notice No. 159 / 2016 they have requested to extend the validity of the same on suo-moto basis.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed the members that the matter is already under consideration and the same will be processed shortly and will be conveyed to stakeholders.

[Action: DC/FSP Cell – for processing the issue]

<u>Point No.2</u>: Delays in Receipt of Electronic Copies of S/Bill-

BCBA has placed an agenda point that PN No: 74 / 2020 does away with physical copies of S/bills. However, there are delays in receipt of the same on email due to which Physical S/bill prints are still being taken (for handing over the same for loading of containers). They have requested to instruct all stakeholders to kindly accept the same through digital modes.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed the members that DC/EDI has raised the issue once again with Saksham Seva, New Delhi for urgent redressal of the issue.

[Action: DC/EDI – for follow up & status]

Point No.3: Increase of Facilities in CPP

BCBA has placed an agenda point that they have requested for space facilities for CBs for efficient operations. They have also requested to move other stakeholders such as CEAC, PGA's etc. to the CPP for faster clearances of Export Shipments.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed that C.P.P. is owned and managed by the J.N.P.T. and therefore the request for space facilities may be made to J.N.P.T.

[Point Closed]

<u>Point No.4</u>: Process for AD/IFSC Code Registration

BCBA has placed an agenda point that they refer to JN Customs PN 130/2020 and request for further simplification and hand-holding as Exporters are not able to complete the necessary formalities thereby impacting Shipping Bill filing.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair has informed that DC/EDI has already raised the issue once again with Saksham Seva, New Delhi for urgent redressal of the issue.

[Action: DC/EDI – for follow up & status]

<u>Point No.5</u>: Delivery of LCL Cargo held by CWC Dronagiri CFS inspite of OOC:

During Pandemic period, Customs had allowed some CFS to shift the LCL Cargo for destuffing in CWC Dronagiri CFS and accordingly some CFS like Seabird had shifted their cargo in Dronagiri CFS. For e.g. IGM No.22503387/579 1, now after out of charge and related payment had been made to concern CFS, the CWC Dronagiri CFS had denied delivery.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed the members that AC/CCSP has asked the CFS Dronagiri, which is denying delivery to the concerned CFSs, to clarify the matter and to take immediate steps to resolve the matter.

[Action: AC/CCSP - for follow up & status]

Agenda Points from WISA(Western India Shippers' Association)

<u>Point No.1</u>: WISA has placed an agenda point that RMS Cell still do not have online access to container scanning report and the same is being asked for from the trade by issuing a query asking for the scanning report to be uploaded under eSanchit. While some CFSs are issuing the same on mail, many CFSs CBs still have to visit almost a year

ago it was assured to the trade that access of scanning data will be granted to officers of RMS Cell.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair informed the members that AC/CCSP, JNCH is pursuing the issue with all CFSs to take immediate steps and to make necessary arrangements for sending Container Scanning Report through mail to RMS Cell so that CBs need not to visit the CFS to collect report manually.

[Action: AC/CCSP – for follow up & status]

Agenda Points from MANSA and CFSAI

<u>Point No.1</u>: Request for a review of JNCH Public Notice No.48/2020 dated 08.04.2020:

CFSAI has placed an agenda point that DPD-DPD mode containers, not cleared within 48 hours, are moved to ICD Mulund instead of Line nominated CFS. ICD Mulund was declared as an "extended gate" by JNCH as per the above Public Notice, as a COVID-19 measure and with a view to keep the steady movement of the DPD-DPD containers from JNPT with rail connectivity. Now normalcy has returned, therefore, this PN may be withdrawn as it is adversely impacting member CFSs.

On the above issue, MANSA has informed that the CONCOR vide Trade Notice dated 09/11/20 has announced the closure of ICD Mulund wef 31.12.2020 and have therefore urged this office to withdraw the PN 48/2020 Dated 08/04/20 so as to prevent continued movements of containers and getting stuck at ICD Mulund.

<u>Facts of the matter:</u> The Chair has informed that issue of withdrawal of P.N. No. 48/2020 is under consideration.

[Action: DC/CCSP-for examining and compliance]

SD/(Abhijit Thorat)
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Appraising Main (Export)

To

All the Members of PTFC (through email)

Copy to (through email):

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- 3. The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai.
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