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**MINUTES OF THE P.T.F.C. MEETING HELD ON 31.01.2022**

The PTFC meeting held through video conference on 31.01.2022 at 12.00 PM was chaired by **Shri U. Niranjana**, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), **Shri Sonal Bajaj**, Commissioner of Customs (NS-III), **Shri Istikhar Baig**, Commissioner of Customs (NS-Gen & Audit) and **Shri. D.S. Garbhal**, Commissioner of Customs (NS-V). 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.	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
2.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
3.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
4.	Maruti Gadge	BCBA
5.	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
6.	Manish Kumar	CSLA
7.	V. Rajappan	CDSCO
8.	Vinayak Baparaaj	BCBA
9.	Paresb Thakkar	BCBA
10.	Rahul V Bhojani	BCBA
11.	Nimish Desai	WISA
12.	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
13.	Mrs. Ganguly	AWCBA
14.	Rekha	CSLA
15.	Paresb Shah	WISA
16.	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
17.	Salim	CFSAI
18.	Capt. Ram Iyer	CSLA
19.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
20.	Sunil Vasvani	Executive Director, CSLA
21.	R K Rubin	AMTOI
22.	Daniel	CSLA
23.	Capt. Jasbir Singh	CSLA
24.	Nirav Thakker	BCBA
25.	Shridhar Pandav	HTPL & Take Care
26.	Mark S Fernandes	IMC Chambers of Commerce and Industry
27.	Dayanand Kotian	Reliance Industries
28.	Kalpesh Jadhav	

29.	Rajshekhhar R	
30.	Harish Bangera	
31.	Jude Fernandes	
32.	K. Uthaya Kumar	
33.	Paras Shah	
34.	Avinash Satardekar	
35.	Sheetal Ahluwalia	
36.	Venkatram Narayanan	
37.	Vasant T	

2. Following Officers from the department attended the meeting:-

क्रमसं./ Sr.No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names(S. Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	पदनाम Designation
1.	Shweta Chander	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	Suresh Merugu	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Sushil Chandra	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	V Ramanadha Reddy	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Dinbandhu Diwakar	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Ravindra S Bhati	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

3. Shri Suresh Merugu, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH started the discussion on the agenda points of the meeting related to the General & Export Commissionerate.

#### A. GENERAL COMMISSIONERATE:

##### **(I) Agenda points proposed by Container Shipping Lines Association (India) (CSLA):**

**(1) SCMTR Implementation date to be extended till technical issues are resolved and all logics are successfully tested:** We have been sharing SCMT filing related difficulties since the last several months with DG Systems /CBIC/ JNCH. However, the issues still remain unresolved because of no response from DG System/CBIC team. Shipping lines/agents are unable to test export/import logics required for filing of Sea arrival manifest/Sea departure manifest. This matter was also raised at the last PTFC & CCFC meetings. In fact, at the last CCFC meeting, the Chief Commissioner was kind enough to indicate that a virtual meeting would be held by DG Systems with the technical & legal teams of CSLA to discuss & address all the pending issues. We look forward to your kind feedback on the communication resting with our last representation of 18/12/21, along with the dates for the virtual meeting with the CSLA team members.

Besides, we had also requested at the last meeting that SCMT implementation should be postponed once & for all till all pending issues are resolved. A notification in this regard too would be much appreciated.

(Implementation of SCMTR postponed till 30/6/22. However, as far as the pending issues were concerned, JNCH informed that it would escalate the various issues faced by CSLA / MANSA in the implementation of SCMTR with DG Systems. Feedback on the same would be much appreciated. JNCH had also informed in one of the recent PTFC meetings that they had requested DG Systems to arrange for a virtual meeting with the concerned stakeholders to help address the pending issues. JNCH is therefore hereby

requested to please inform the date for this virtual meeting & send the invite in the matter).

**REPLY:- SCMTR manifests filing implementation date is already extended till 30.06.2022 by Ministry of Finance vide Gazette No. 109/2021-Customs (N.T.) dtd. 31.12.2021.**

**Further, it is informed that all issues are almost resolved and errors are removed. With regard to testing, Dummy Shipping Bills were filed and tested. Virtual meeting will also be held in the coming month for pending issues.**

**(2) Port Clearance Permission for sailing of the vessel to be granted 24x7 basis:**

- Recently Mumbai Customs have issued a notification through File no. S/43-198/2021-22 P(PSO) Dated 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021 to provide 24x7 Port Clearance for expediting vessel movement at Mumbai Port. With this initiative, port clearance permission can now be taken 24x7 including holidays. The number of ships calling at Nhava Sheva port is quite high in comparison with Mumbai Port. Many times, some of the certificates pertaining to a vessel are renewed on the day of the arrival of the vessel. This creates last minute hassles for the vessel operator, especially after office hours or on holidays, in terms of arranging advance port clearance permission. Hence It is requested to provide similar additional options at JNCH also so that port clearance permission could be arranged after office hours & on holidays. **(JNCH informed that the matter was under consideration & that an office order would be issued shortly. The same is still awaited though).**

**REPLY:- It is to inform that office order has already been issued by ADC/P&E.**

**(II) Agenda points proposed by CFSAI:**

**(1) CFS Wise Pendency of Shipping Bills & Challenges faced** - It is submitted that Our Member CFSs are facing huge pendency of Shipping Bills and certain Challenges are being faced. Although CFSAI IT Team has been coordinating with JNCH SCMTR team for resolution, however the issue is not yet unresolved.

Issues and challenges faced are summarized as below:

I. Post opening of SCMTR Window Old cases of shipping bills are stuck due to Inter CFS Movement and Pre SCMTR-cases are cleared. We request JNCH to provide CFS wise report of completion of such cases from ICEGATE.

II. Our Members are awaiting resolution for shipping bills pending for EGM other than the above reasons cited.

III. On account of the window being kept open the recent cases of Shipping Bills are pending due to error while filing the ASR message. We suggest & request that the concerned officer update the same for stuffing through Old Window to avoid escalation from the Customer.

IV. For Testing of the SF Cancellation Provision Our Members would need to have the Custom Office Login credentials posted in the CFS in the ICEGATE Pre-Production.

V. Request for Pending Stuffing allow cases from ICEGATE to enable the CFS IT team to approach the Custom Officer and update all those cases through Old Window.

We seek JNCH intervention to take up this issue with ICEGATE Team for resolution and provide CFS wise Pendency list of Shipping Bills for further action.



**POINTWISE-REPLY: -**

**I. It is to inform that almost all Pre-SCMTR S/Bs are already clear. This office has total no of S/Bs list, not CFS wise list of S/Bs. When we will get the list of S/Bs CFS wise, we will forward the same to concerned CFSs.**

**II. It is to inform that Shipping Bills pending for rectification of EGM error, when come in knowledge of SCMTR Cell, are continuously being escalated to DG Systems**

**III. It is to inform that Concerned matter has been sent to DG System by mail and last date of old stuffing menu availability has also been asked.**

**IV. It is to inform that for testing of the SF cancellation Provision, 10 Shipping Bills have been sent to Ameya CFS and this matter is under process.**

**V. It is inform that facility for clearing Shipping Bills in old windows for the cases pending due to error in stuffing allow, is not provided by DG system. Further, we will request to DG System to close the window.**

**(III) Agenda points proposed by IMC, Chamber of Commerce and Industry:**

**(1) Weighment charges by CFSs:** In light of the Public Notice No.114 dated 2011 from Customs mandating weighing of import containers, all CFS at JNCH have unilaterally started to recover weighment charges on all import containers handled. The charges range as high as Rs. 1500/- per container. This recovery is totally illegal and an abuse of the Public Notice No. 114 dated 2011 issued by the Customs, under which pretext they seek justification.

It is humbly requested that this levy/recovery must be immediately stopped, in order to reduce handling and transaction cost at JN port, as well as ensure expeditious clearances. It is requested that a Public Notice be issued, clarifying that no fees or charge should have been recovered vide Public Notice No. 114 dated 2011.

**Reply: The CFSs are carrying out weighment of containers before clearance from their CFSs in terms of Public Notice No. 114/2011 dated 06.09.2011 and as such, it appears that they are charging service charges from the concerned entities for rendering services from their end.**

**The chair advised to resolve the issue by conducting a joint meeting between CFSAI and stake holders. Further, if the issues remained unresolved then a detailed representation should be submitted to Commissioner of Customs, General, JNCH.**

**(2) Date Mismatch:** - The requirement in Exports for the factory stuffing date and the Shipping Bill date to be the same is also something that needs to be addressed. Sometimes due to system errors/weekend stuffing of containers/late sign off on documents by Excise officers, it is not feasible for the stuffing date and Shipping Bill date to match. At the time of Scanning the containers at the port, the system then generates an error "Date Mismatch" resulting in 100% Open Examination of Factory Stuffed Containers.

**REPLY:- It is to inform that if there is any intervention required at system level, a detailed representation through FSP Cell can be forwarded to this office so that the matter may be taken up with D.G. systems.**

**(IV) Agenda points proposed by Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA):**

**(1) Blank security cheques being asked from Shipping Lines/NVOCC:-**Shipping Companies like Inter Asia, Evergreen, RCL and many more have started demanding security amount, Blank cheques from Importers, customs Brokers. This is violation of PN No. 01/2017. We also would like to state that Original BL surrendered at load port, above Shipping Lines have again started asking Customs Brokers to visit their offices and submit xerox copies of BL. This is not acceptable in the present COVID period.

**Reply: - A Public Notice No. 01/2017 dated 04.01.2017 has already been issued in this regard. The shipping lines/NVOCC are not authorized to collect blank security cheques from the Importers/CHAs. Those Importer/CHA having grievances in this regard may approach the CCSP cell with evidences in support of the same for necessary action.**

**Further, the Chair advised to take up the said issue with CSLA and response received from CSLA must also be shared with Customs.**

**(2) SOP to be issued by CFSAI:** - CFSAI to issue an advisory on Common practices to be adopted by all the CFSs.

**REPLY: - SOP issued by CFSAI has already been followed by all the CFSs. Further, CFSAI stated that if any problem is faced by the stakeholders then it should be brought to notice of CFSAI and they will look in to the matter.**

**(3) Examination Centre in CPP:** - Presently all export containers are taken to CFS for examination thereby leading to delay in clearance. In view of endeavour of Govt. of India and to reduce the dwell time for clearance. The point was already taken up in last PTFC meeting and we once again request you to have examination centre be made operational in CPP in larger interest of Export trade.

**REPLY: - It is to inform that a visit by the CCSP officers was done on 27.01.2022, and it was found that the ICES connectivity is still not operational. Further, the Chair assured that it will be operational by fortnight.**

**(4) Delay in verification of Seals at CPP hampering export clearances:** - As per the existing process, all containers which enter the Centralised Parking Plaza are required to have their RFID seals read and verified. After completion of this activity the verification endorsement is being given by the concerned Gate PO. Given the current volume moving thru the CPP, we request to kindly deploy additional staff for this verification activity which is delaying the further customs clearance processes.

**REPLY: - This office is examining the issue and if required additional staff will be posted for smooth clearance.**

**(5) Delay in Export clearances in JWR CFS:** - It has been brought to notice of the association that members are facing tremendous difficulties at JWR CFS. The work related to Export clearance has increased in leaps and bound at JWR CFS but the existing facilities are not sufficient to handle the clearance of export cargo, thereby leading to delay in clearance.

Further, it has been brought to the notice that there is a shortage of Customs Staff at JWR CFS thereby leading to delays in LEO. We request you to kindly deploy additional Staff to manage to the increased work load at JWR CFS.

**REPLY: - With regard to the work relating to export clearance facilities, a letter to CCSP JWR has been issued. Further, 01 (one) additional Examiner is already posted to JWR Logistics Pvt. Ltd. vide office order no. 09/2022 dated 18.01.2022.**

**Furthermore, the matter is being examined and if it is found that additional staff is required in JWR, the same will be considered accordingly.**

**(6) Handling of RMS Facilitated Shipping Bill for LEO directly with Supdt.:-** Like in Imports, there is an urgent need for promotion and facilitation of export processes being followed by Customs so that we can achieve the export targets set by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. As being followed on Import side for RMS facilitated Bills of Entry, the export shipping bill after registration when facilitated under RMS, should be provided LEO direct by the concerned Supdt.

In larger interest of promoting and facilitating exports in timely manner, we seek your support and urgent intervention for streamlining.


**REPLY: - A detailed proposal may be forwarded to this office so that the matter may be taken up with DG Systems. Further, the Chair suggested that if any stakeholders share their ideas/suggestions, those will also be examined.**

4. 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 email to Appraising Main (Export) Section on [apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in](mailto:apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in) for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.**

5. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

6. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-II.

7. Minutes are placed on JNCH website and also being sent through emails to the members.

  
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To -

All the Members of PTFC (through email)

Copy to (through email):

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH, Sheva.
2. 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](mailto:mzu-dgtps@gov.in)).
3. The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai.
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