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# OFFICE OF THE PR COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS- I),

मुल्यनिरूपण मुख्य (आयात) APPRAISING MAIN (IMPORT)

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दिनाक 28/10/2021 को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (आयात) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (IMPORT) HELD ON 28.10.2021

The PTFC meeting held through video conference on 28.10.2021 was chaired by Shri U. Niranjan, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), Shri N.V. Kulkarni, Commissioner of Customs(NS-II & III), Shri. D.S. Garbyal, Commissioner of Customs (NS-V) and Shri Istikhar Baig(NS-General & Audit). The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:-

गसं/.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती)	(संगठन/संघ/ पदनाम)
r. No.	Names(S. Shri /Ms./Mrs.)	
1.	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
2.	Hiren Ruparel	ВСВА
3.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
4.	Maruti Gadge	ВСВА
5.	Tej Contractor	ВСВА
6.	Manish Kumar	MANSA
7.	V. Rajappan	CDSCO
8.	Vinayak Baparaj	всва
9.	Paresh Thakkar	ВСВА
10.	Mrs. Ganguly	AWCBA
11.	Nimish Desai	WISA
12.	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
13.	Shankar Shinde	FFFAI
14.	Rekha	Assistant, CSLA
15.	Paresh Shah	WISA
16.	Kiran Rambhia	ВСВА
17.	V.K. Agarwal	Mirc Electronics Ltd. (ONIDA)
18.	Aashish Pednekar	FCBA
19.	Dushyant Mulani	ВСВА
20.	Rahul V Bhojani	ВСВА
21.	R K Rubin	АМТОІ
22.	Sagar	FFFAI
23.	Manoj Nair	CFSAI, JWR
24.	Arun Adak	CFSAI
25.	Sheetal Ahluwalia	
26.	Sunil Vasvani	Executive Director, CSLA

27.	Venkatram Narayanan	CFSAI
28.	Kalpesh Jadhav	
29.	Anand	
30.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
31.	Karunakar Shetty	
32.	Paresh Vaivade	
33.	Shailendra Penkar	
34.	Pramod	
35.	Mark S Fernandes	
36.	Capt. Iyer	
37.	Jayant Lapsia	
38.	Rajan Thakur	CSLA
39.	Rajshekhar R	
40.	Paras Shah	ВСВА
41.	Subhash Rajkumar	CSLA
42.	Salim Shikalgar	CFSAI
43.	Salim	
44.	Avinash Satardekar	Asst. Manager Operations, BMCT

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

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting:-

क्रमसं/.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सृश्री/श्रीमती)	पदनाम
Sr.No.		Designation
1.	Sushil Chandra	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	Hemlata Rai	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Raguram K	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Dinbandhu Diwakar	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Suresh Merugu	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	V Ramanadha Reddy	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Ravindra S Bhati	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	Sudhir S. Kohakade	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

3. Shri Sushil Chandra, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH started the discussion on the agenda points of the meeting related to the import.

#### 4. <u>कार्यविन्</u> AGENDA POINTS:

#### एम.ए.एन.एम.ए. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यविन्दः/Agenda Point raised by MANSA

BL should not be allowed on DPD portal – This point was discussed in the last PTFC meeting, MANSA was directed to share few BL Numbers where multiple CFS intimation was posted by different CHAs for the same BL. Accordingly MANSA had shared few BL details through email message on 5th October. JNCH DPD Sec, have issued a Public Notice No. 13/2020 dated 23.01.2020 for which they are thankful and expect it to be strictly followed by all Stake holders. However, they requested to introduce some preventive mechanism in the System so that the concerned stakeholders intimate cancellation of the wrong entry and subsequent correction while requesting final entry correctly. They requested to look into the matter and develop a mechanism so that multiple CFS intimation/duplicate request for the same BL could not be accepted in the system.

प्रविक्रिय/Response: An Advisory Note to Public Notice No.13/2020 has been issued by the DPD Cell, JNCH on 20.10.2021, whereby it has been specifically mentioned that in case of multiple request made by the stakeholders for change in CFS for particular Bill of Lading/Consignments, the latest request for change of CFS shall be taken as final request. The said Advisory Note to the Public Notice No.13/2020 has already been communicated to MANSA and BCBA as well as uploaded on the JNCH website.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

#### बी.सी.बी.ए के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्द Agenda Points raised by BCBA

कार्यविद् संख्या**01/Agenda Point 01:** Delay in clearance under Faceless Assessment-At present trade is facing tremendous delay in import consignment at all locations under faceless resulting in increase of dwell time and transaction cost.

They requested to implement the time limit of 3 hrs given in CBIC Circular No. 14/2021 dated 7/7/2021 in larger interest of timely clearance of import consignment and for that a suitable mechanism be created on the CBIC / ICEGATE Website to highlight the cases of delay in clearance.

\*\*Response: No such delay in assessment of Bills of Entry are noticed in Assessing Groups at JNCH.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

# कार्योबन्द संख्या 02/Agenda Point 02: <u>Difficulties faced under assessment of Bill of Entries</u> under CAROTAR-

Trade is experiencing considerable delays in clearance of consignments under CAROTAR FTA particularly when system interdiction is received at the time of OOC. i.e. "CONTACT SYSTEMS MANGER". This interdiction is received after assessment of Bill of Entry by the Assessment group and also after defacement of FAG by TSK Counter.

Whenever such interdiction is received, the Bill of Entry is sent to Assessment group by the Shed and thereafter assessment group sends this to EDI Section. EDI Section thereafter marks the same for re-assessment to group. The entire exercise is causing delay in clearance of DPD shipment, thereby defeating the purpose of Advance Filing. The entire process takes about 5-10 working days.

#### Suggestion:- They suggested that:

- a) This interdiction should be available at the time of Assessment of Bill of Entry and not after Assessment and defacement by TSK counter.
- b) Field formations needs to follow Custom instructions laid down by Instruction No.18/2021 dated 17th August, 2021 which states that, mechanical exercise to send all such RMS interdicted consignment to CBIC for verification should be avoided and in terms of para 3.2 of the Custom Instruction No.18/2021 only if there is reason to believe that imported consignment does not meet the declared criteria verification be resorted to.
- c) Only in cases of specific information which is required to be sought the verification request may be sent to CBIC and provisional assessment to be resorted and not in all cases where there is comment.
- d) Hence it is requested that frequent appearance of such instruction through EDI system at time of taking out of charge should be avoided.
- e) Further time limit for assessment be kindly followed to ensure that assessment is completed within 24 hours in order to avoid payment of high detention and demurrage charges.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: In the circumstances, where COO certificate needs to be verified, Bills of Entry are being assessed provisionally with Bond and BG and the COO certificate are being sent for

verification report immediately. However, in some cases, the delay happens due to late submission of form-I details by importer/CHA.

In cases, when OOC officer notices the message "OOC can't be given, contact to System Manager" in ICES system at time of OOC of Bill of Entry, then the procedure laid down in Standing Order No.40/2020 dated 02.11.2020 is being followed for revocation of suspended OOC of Bill of Entry in the ICES System. This issue is being further examined and the procedure will be simplified or further specified to deal with such cases in the least possible time, while ensuring verification as deemed necessary.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

# कार्यवित् संख्या 04/Agenda Point 04: In case of down time in ICEGATE/EDI, taking waiver of Late submission charge is taking 2 - 3 days-

<u>Suggestion</u>: They suggested that in cases of down time in ICEGATE/EDI, whenever trade approaches for waiver of late submission charge in terms of CBEC Notification No. 36/2018-Customs (NT) dated 11.5.2018, the same may kindly be provided within 1 hour by the concerned DC. A suitable mechanism for the above be kindly worked out in larger interest of EXIM Trade.

<u>জনিকিঅ/Response:</u> The waiver of late submission charges are being done as per the instruction contained in CBIC Notification No. 36/2018-Customs (NT) dated 11.5.2018.

[बिन्द समाप्त/Point Closed]

### कार्यविद् संख्या 05/Agenda Point 05:- Delay in approval of Amendment of Bill of Entry-

It has been brought to the notice by members that approval of amendment of Bill of entry is taking approximately 2-3 days, thereby leading to delay in clearance. They suggested that amendment should be approved on the same day.

<u>प्रतिक्रिय/Response:</u>No incidence of delay in approval of Amendment of Bill of Entry has been noticed recently and amendments in the B/Es are being done regularly. A proper monitoring is also done to ensure that all the amendments of B/Es are being done on the same day. Any such specific instances may be taken up with the supervisory officer of the concerned Commissionerate.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

#### सी.एस.एल.ए. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यविन्दु/Agenda Point raised by CSLA

### कार्यदिन् संख्या 01/Agenda Point 01:EMPTY CONTAINERS FOR SCANNING-

As you are aware, the shipping lines have been going out of their way to reposition 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.

CSLA's email to JNCH of 11/2/21 highlighted the case of one of our member lines, HAPAG LLOYD, who 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 was 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 thereafter wanted 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 would have unnecessarily added to the cost and caused undue delay to the export shipments. This issue was however fortunately addressed but CSLA had requested that in the future, the scanning list, if any, should be furnished to the shipping lines within a maximum of six hours after the discharge of the containers.

However, the issue still remains unresolved. The delays in the generation of the scanning list for empty containers still continue to take place. There have been repeated instances of

the scanning list not being generated even after the entry inwards is processed. These delays result in additional ground rent being incurred at the terminal as containers cannot be evacuated within the allotted free time. Besides, this also creates an artificial shortage of empty containers & delays their allotment for export shipments. As you are aware, the shipping lines are doing all they can to make the empty containers available for exports. This includes repositioning them empty at huge costs from foreign locations, including Pakistan, into India.

They requested that effective systems be put in place to avoid such delays in the future. They also requested that exceptions in the case of empty containers from Pakistan, as stipulated under point no. 6 of the attached PN No.15 / 2013 dated the 7th of May 2013, may kindly be reviewed, as the empty containers from Pakistan too, are required to be made available to the Indian trade without any delays, so as to enable the exporters to meet their export requirements. (CSLA's detailed email of 19/2/21 in this regard is attached for your ready reference).

### प्रतिक्रिया/Response:

There is no special provision for scanning empty containers. Generally the scanning list is being generated timely. However, in exceptional cases, there is delay in generation of scanning list from ICEGATE due to system related problem. To address this issue and avoid inconvenience to the trade, there is an elaborate procedure prescribed in PN No. 31/2021 and PN No. 15/2013. The said public notices stipulates that containers originating or coming from Pakistan shall be scanned at fixed scanner and thereafter it shall be examined 100% by Docks Customs under supervision of DC/AC. [बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

- 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 appraising main.jnch@gov.in for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.
- The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair. 6.
- This issues with the approval of the Pr. Commissioner of Customs, NS-I. 7.
- Minutes are placed on JNCH website and also being sent through emails to the 8. members.

(राजीव जी काकेरी/Rajiv G Kakeri)

सहायक आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क / Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, मूल्यनिरूपण मुख्य(आयात) / Appraising Main (I), जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा/ JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

#### सेवा में /To.

पीटीएकसी के सभी सदस्यों को ई मेल के माध्यमसे /All the Members of PTFC(through email) प्रतिलिपि/Copy to :(ई मेल के माध्यम से )

- 1) मुख्य आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क, मुंबई अंचल-II/Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mum Zone-II;
- 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);
- 3) लांकपाल , अप्रत्यक्ष कर, मुंबई / The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai;
- 4) सीमागुल्क आयुक्त, मुंबई अंचल-II/ Commissioner of Customs,MUM Zone-II;
- 5) मधी अपर्रासंयुक्त आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा /All ADCs/JCs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
- 6) सभी उप/सहा आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा /All DCs/ACs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
- 7) महाउप आयुक्त, ईंडीआई, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवाको अविलंब वैबसाइट में अपलोड करने के लिए/AC/DC, EDI, JNCH, Nhava Sheva, for uploading in JNCH website;
- 8) कार्यालय प्रति/Office Copy.