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म्ल्यनिरूपणमुख्य (आयात)/APPRAISING MAIN (IMPORT)

जवाहरलालनेहरूसीमाशुल्कभवन/JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

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दिनांक /Date: 07-11-2024

दिनांक 30.10.2024 को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (आयात) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (IMPORT) OCTOBER HELD ON 30.10.2024

The PTFC meeting held in physical mode on 30.10.2024 was Chaired by Shri D. S. Garbyal, Commissioner of Customs (NS-GENERAL) and attended by Shri Sonal Bajaj, Commissioner of Customs (NS-V), Shri Ashwini Kumar, Commissioner of Customs (NS-III) and Shri Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Commissioner of Customs(NS-III).

2. The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of the trade: –

क्र. सं./Sr No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names (Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	(संगठन/संघ/पदनाम) Organisation/Association
1	Subhash N Dongre	CSLA/ONE LINE
2	Manish Kumar	CSLA/MANSA
3	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
4	Raja Shekhar R	UPL
5	Jude Fernandes	CFSAI
6	Capt Mayur Paralkar	CFSAI
7	Prasmani Popat	MATOI
8	Kamal Shah	BCBA
9	Vinayak Aparaj	BCBA
10	Ganapat Korde	BCBA
11	Omprakash Agarwal	MACCIA
12	Nimish Desai	WISA
13	Mark S Fernandes	Sylvester India
14	Paresh K Thakkar	BCBA
15	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
16	Sanjeev Harale	BCBA

17	Tej Contractor	BCBA
18	Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
19	Paras Shah	BCBA

3. विभाग की ओर से निम्नलिखित अधिकारियों ने बैठक में भाग लिया: -Following Officers from the department attended the meeting: -

क्रमसं./	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती)	पदनाम
Sr.No.	Names(Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Designation
1.	Dr. Chitranjan Wagh	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
2.	Vinay K Kantheti	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
3.	Gurinder Singh	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
4.	Dharmender Singh	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs

All participants were welcomed by Shri D. S. Garbyal, Commissioner of Customs. Shri Dharmender Singh, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, NS-I Commissionerate, JNCH, with the permission of the Chair, presented the Agenda points pertaining to Import.

4.BCBA के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु /AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY BCBA:

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO.1. Delay in Out of Charge being experienced at RMS-FC:

Since past 2 weeks, trade has been experiencing increasing delays in Out of Charge from RMS-FC, with the delays spanning at times between 2-4 days. The details to be displayed on JNCH Website twice a day as it was done earlier.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: It was informed that this was a temporary issue which was resolved in 2-3 days.

(बिन्द्समाप्त/ Point Closed)

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO.2. Request for Updated Information to be shared on JNCH Website</u>

In light of recently concluded Transfers of Officers, it is requested that the Updated Information be made available on the JNCH Website for ease of reference of the trade on real time basis.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: It was informed that the details of the officers of AC and above levels posted in various sections are available on the website. If any problem still persists, it may be brought to the notice of the concerned Commissioner.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO. 3. Cases of Delay in Faceless Assessment - No intimation when BE Pushed to PAG

- a) We have received feedback from members regarding experiencing delays in faceless assessments. Along with general delays, there are increasing specific delays across Group 2A which are being experienced across Faceless Assessments frequently.
- b) Request for proper escalation mechanism both at PAG as well as contact details of concerned NAC to enable suitable support and flagging of cases of delay.
- c) Further, there have been instances where BE has been pushed by FAG to PAG, however trade has no intimation in such cases, despite escalation to helpdesk options.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: This issue was flagged in the past also and stands resolved. The Commissionerates are aware of the matter and the same was escalated for discussion in NAC through which all FAG groups have been sensitized about the issue. The Groups like 2A and 2B which has comparatively ore number of BEs are being attended to by way of deploying additional staff through NAC Chemicals.

(बिन्द्समाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO. 4. Delay in DYCC Sampling and Report Process

There are cases of delay in drawal of samples, as well receipt of reports in timely manner

<u>प्रतिक्रिया/Response:</u>. It was informed that the concerned Commissioner should be approached to sort out the issue. Also, as the customs authorities are not expert in sample testing, the matter will be taken up with the concerned PGAs.

On shortage of envelopes for sample collection: CFSs are provided envelopes in bulk. This is an administrative issue which should be brought to the notice of concerned AC/ADC.

On delayed sample drawal on Docks: Additional staff for sample drawl can be explored. More details were sought from the trade.

(Action : BCBA)

TO THE POPULATION OF BOLDING BUILDING NO.

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO. 5. Delay in Dual use NOC by CDSCO, FSSAI

- a) Delay being experienced by trade in release of ADC NOC. We request for suitable measures to be undertaken to mitigate these delays.
- b) Cases of delays pertaining to FSSAI have been reported by members. Dual used items to be released on request by the members through email.

It is requested that communication with PGA needs to be structured and aligned with systems in order to ensure NOC and Release are given on real-time basis to avoid delays. Delay of 1-3 days after Receipt of NOC, merely for release in system is an issue which may be avoided surely.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: Additional details were sought from the trade so that the Customs can write to CDSCO and FSSAI for resolving the issue.

(Action: BCBA)

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या /POINT NO. 6. Handling of Hazardous Cargo: Ref PN NO 42/2023

We refer to PN No 42/2023. We suggest that when Haz cargo is carried in Tank Containers, a suitable instructions need to be given for scanning the tank containers.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: The issue is being decided on case to case basis. If this is a regular practice then the amendment of the PN may be considered so that the qualified CFS employees can open Hazardous cargo for examination. The PN is being reviewed for amendment.

[Action : AM(I)]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या /POINT NO.7. Issuance of Space Certificates with</u> Barcodes

- Proposal to issue all space certificates with barcodes for better tracking.
- Displaying deliveries (in and out) on custodians' websites for transparency

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: It was informed that the Customs authorities have no objection to implement this proposal if all stakeholders are prepared.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

5. IMC के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु /AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY IMC

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO. 8 Affixing MRP Labels prior to Order for Home Consumption being issued.

We refer and enclose herewith Public Notice 44(RE-2000)1997-2002 dated 24.11.2000 issued by the Ministry of Commerce which clearly states in Paragraph 2, that MRP Labels need to be complied with prior to commodities being cleared by Customs for home consumption, on all pre-packaged goods intended for retail sale. Vide the above Public Notice it is clearly clarified, that so long as Customs have not issued Orders releasing cargo for home consumption MRP Labels can be affixed.

We regret bring to your kind attention that the Examining Officer, Appraising Superintendent, the Asst Commissioner of Customs imports at JWR, denied the approval for permitting MRP Labels to be affixed despite Orders for Home Consumption has not been issued. They contended that so long as Goods registration has been done, permission for MRP labeling cannot be issued delaying clearance for 3 weeks, though the above Public Notice was specifically brought to their attention.

We also refer to and enclose copy of Policy Notice No. No.38 (RE-2000) 1997-2002 dated 22nd January 2001, which also clarified that the imports of those pre-packed which are intended for retail sale, MRP labeling was applicable. The items imported like raw materials and components which are not sold in retail market directly to the Customer and which needs to be assembled resulting in change of the packing, the same are excluded from RE 44.

We are pleased to inform that when the said file which was sent E-Office, finally after 2 weeks reached to the Additional Commissioner of Customs Group VA, the matter was resolved within a second.

In order to avoid such delays in future, we request that specific Public Notice be kindly issued as follows:

Permission for affixing MRP Labels can be granted by the Asst. Commissioner Appraising group or the Asst. Commissioner in charge of CFS, so long as permission for Home Consumption has not been issued. The felicitated B/Entry etc. for which goods registration has been done is not a ground to deny the permission for affixing MRP Labels.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: It was informed that the permission for affixing MRP labels before the registration of goods is given routinely by the concerned AC/DC. However, in cases where permission for labeling is sought after registration of goods, then the necessary adjudication proceedings need to be initiated in case of any violation. IMC stated that such permission should be given at any stage before the goods are given out of charge and further referred to one DGFT clarification of January 2021, a copy of which was not provided by IMC for department's reference. This issue is to be further examined, and if required the matter will be taken up with DGFT for further clarity.

(बिन्द्समाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO.9. The Procedure for sending B/E from Docks/CFS should be streamlined. Any query raised but the Docks Appraising Officers seeking clarification from the Appraising Group the documents needs to go directly from the Asst. Commissioner, in charges of the CFS/Docks to the Asst.

Commissioner of the concerned Appraising Group.

The prevailing practice is as follows.

- 1. Objections raised by E.O go to the Superintendent,
- 2. He then sent it to the Asst. Commissioner,
- 3. Then sent it to the Jt. Commissioner In charge of CFS,
- 4. Who then sends it to the Commissioner of Customs In charge of CFS, ?
- 5. Who then mark to the concerned Commissioner of Appraising Group,?
- 6. It is then forwarded to the Additional/ Joint Commissioner, Appraising group, 7. Who then forward the same to the concerned Asst. Commissioner of the Appraising Group and finally lands Appraising Group Appraiser. The same reverse procedure is followed after release is granted.

This process though assured to be done with 24 hours, in reality takes from 7 to 15 working days, due to E-Office invariably malfunctioning.

In light of the above we request for re-consideration of the lengthy procedure be simplified as requested.

<u>प्रतिक्रिया/Response:</u>. Point dropped as requested by the trade.

(बिन्द्समाप्त/ Point Closed)

6.CFSAI के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु /AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY CFSAI

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO. 10. Scanning delays at D Scanner -

Due substantial increase in imports with ad-hoc vessels calls & large number of containers selected for scanning by NCTC coupled with mobile scanners non-functional at times, the waiting period at D-1 Scanner is over 12-14 hrs. This is further adding to the congestion. It is requested that JNCH may consider requesting NCTC for pruning down the scanning list.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: Point dropped as requested by the trade.

(बिन्द्समाप्त/ Point Closed)

7. PEPC के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु /AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY PEPC

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO. 11 Registration of the IFSC code at all ports

As long as the bank, branch, account number, and IFSC code remain unchanged, exporters should not be compelled to complete a separate registration process at all ports. Imposing mandatory registration for each port may create unnecessary complications and hinder smooth operations for exporters.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: The issue does not pertain to Customs instead relates to requirement

of the PFMS portal.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO. 12. Scanning process during import

As the scanning list is auto-generated from ICEGATE, the import containers selected for scanning are determined by the Container Selection Module (CSM) of the RMS. However, in the case of AEO T2, the scanning process occurs regularly, which is delaying the production of export goods and incurring additional costs.

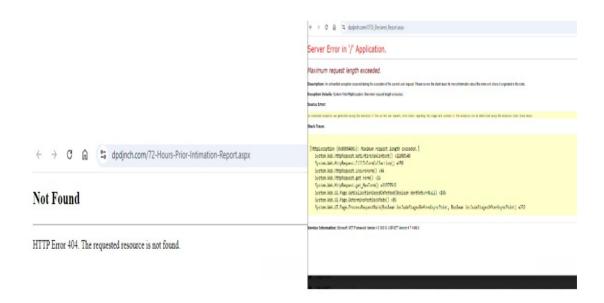
प्रतिक्रिया/Response: No representative from the PEPC was present in the meeting to discuss the issue. So, the agenda point was dropped at the request of the trade.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

8. CSLAके द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु /AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY CSLA

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या/POINT NO. 13. OTD1 and 72hrs file website issue:

Sometimes Shipping lines are getting error while retrieving OTDI and 72 HRS sheet from JNCH website due to which they are not able to file manifest as per customer preferred movement which they have registered in OTDI and 72 HRS prior sheet.



प्रतिक्रिया/Response: It was informed that this was a temporary issue which was resolved promptly. If any such issue is faced again, the trade should inform the AC/DC (DPD).

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्द् संख्या/POINT NO. 14. Non Generation of SMTP Files (Port INNSA):

Despite earlier requests, the issue of non generation of SMTP continues thereby resulting in delays in the movement of containers and thus attracting storage charges.

The shipping lines have therefore to approach the Import Noting Dept who then provide manual print outs. Many a times, the officer is not available and due to huge print outs the cartridge runs out without printing all the documents. Also on weekends and holidays the documents remain unprocessed leading to a delay in movement and mounting of storage cost.

It is therefore imperative that SMTP should be automatically generated as manual intervention could lead to other unwarranted issues as well.

May we therefore request that this perennial issue be addressed on top priority please? In this regard, kindly find attached CSLA's email of 10/10/24 for your ready reference.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: The issue has been escalated to ADG/ICEGATE and a reply in this regard is awaited.

(Action: EDI)

- 9. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-L
- 10. Any amendments to these minutes be provided within the next five working days.
- 11. Minutes are placed on the JNCH website and also sent through emails to the members.

(Dharmender Singh) स.आयुक्त,सीमाशुल्क/Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, मूल्य निरूपण मुख्य(आयात)/Appraising Main (I), जे.एन.सी.एच..न्हावाशेवा/ JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

सेवामें /To,

पी.टी.एफ.सी. के सभी सदस्यों को ईमेल के माध्यम से /All the Members of PTFC (through email)

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to :(ईमेल के माध्यम से)

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- 3. लोकपाल,अप्रत्यक्षकर,मुंबई/The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai;
- 4. सीमाशुल्कआयुक्त, मुंबईअंचल-II/ Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II;
- 5. सभी अपर/संयुक्त आयुक्त,जेएनसीएच,न्हावा शेवा /All ADCs/JCs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
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