

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 09.02.2012

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT)

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The PTFC meeting held on 09.02.2012 was chaired by Sh. B. Ravichandran, Commissioner of Customs (Import) and attended by the following members/participants and officers from JNCH, Sheva:

Sr. No.	Names S/Shri	Organization/Association/Designation
01	Mohan Nihalani	AIIEA
02	R. Rajasekhar	United Phosphorus
03	R. K. Rubin	AMTOI
04	K. Bhaskaran	Consolidators Association of India
05	M A Jahangir	Forbes & Co. Ltd. – CFS
06	Jude Fernandes	Ashte – CFS
07	Philomena Pereira	BCHAA
08	K S Shetty	BCHAA
09	Paresh Shah	BCHAA
10	Nishikant Chaugule	ONIDA
11	V K Agarwal	ONIDA
12	Yash Vardhan	Vaishno Logistics Yard, CFS
13	S C Maini	GDL, CFS
14	Jayanut Lapsia	AILBIEA
15	Sagar B Thaker	APMT CFS (MAERSK)
16	Allwyn Crasto	MAERSK LINE
17	RAMAKRISHNAN	MANSA
18	SUBHASH RAJKUMAR	MANSA
19	Ashish Jha	CFS ULA

Sr. No.	Names S/Shri	Organization/Association/Designation
20	Shankar Shinde	R.C.C.I
21	K.M.Tope	CFS, MSWC
22	Ashwin Jachak	CFS, Punjab
23	P.Anjani Kumar	Addl.Commissioner of Customs
23	Ms. P. Hemavathi	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
24	Satyajit Mohanty	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
25	Rahul Nangre	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
26	S.P.Rao	Addl. Commissioner of Customs

The Chairman welcomed all the members present for the meeting. The Commissioner highlighted various steps taken during the Trade Facilitation Fortnight held during 19.01.2012 to 02.02.2012 and the results achieved. The Chairman congratulated Shri Anjani Kumar, Additional Commissioner and Shri Nilesh Gandhi ,President, BCHAA on behalf of the committee for being awarded Certificate of Appreciation by the W.C.O for their contribution to the customs work.

Thereafter, minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 12.01.2012 were discussed and accepted.

1. 2. New Points raised in the PTFC meetings held on 09.02.2012:-

2.1 Representatives of the BCHAA raised an issue that many times officers are asking for submission of

copies of Periodicals like LME, PLATT etc. at the time of assessment which delays the clearance. The Association suggested that department should subscribe to such periodicals so that LME, Platti etc. are available with the assessing officers.

The Chairman replied that generally copies of PLATT, LME etc., are not being asked for by the group officers. However, usage of improper wording in the queries raised by the assessing officers may have given an impression that these are being asked for. All assessing officers have been instructed to be precise and specific while raising queries and not to call for copies of PLATT/LME etc from the trade. The Custom House is in touch with DGOV for such data.

(ACTION: DC/SVB)

2.2 The representatives of the BCHAA raised an issue that it takes minimum 2 to 4 days to complete amendment

procedure in import department. The Association requested to expedite the amendment procedure and to complete the

same in 1 to 2 days.

The Chairman stated that around 50 to 60 amendment applications per day are received in Import Noting Section. Minor amendments are cleared on the same day subject to production of proper documentation. Major amendments are also cleared on the same day or next day. The delay is caused due to non submission of all the relevant documents for amendments. However, Import Noting Section has been once again been advised to expedite the amendment procedure.

(ACTION: IMPORT NOTING)

2.3 The Members of the Trade asked about the outcome on the reference sent to Board on the issue of FTA benefits in cases of High Seas Sales where the name of the Importer and the Invoice No. does not match with the FTA Certificate issued by the Exporting country. They reiterated that the Agreement benefit is meant for the goods imported and not to a specific Importer.

On this, Shri Satyajit Mohanty , Additional Commissioner of Customs, (Chief Commissioner's Office) informed the Chair that the Board, vide its letter F.No.21000/0/2012-OSD (ICD) dated 09.02.2012, has clarified that under the Free Trade Agreements, Certificate of Origin (CCO) is issued for a specific consignment under the relevant Rules of Origin agreed between the contracting parties, conferring originating status on the goods, thus if the goods are "originating" under the relevant rules and if the goods under import can be correlated to those covered under the Certificate of Origin, the "importer" • under high sea sale may avail the benefit of "origin" under the relevant Free Trade Agreement subject to fulfillment of Foreign Trade Policy and any other laws in force. (Standing Order No.06/2012 dated 20.02.2012 has been issued to clarify this issue.)

(POINT CLOSED)

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

4. The members were informed that the next PTFC meeting is scheduled to be held on **09.03.2012 at 11.00 hrs** in Conference Hall adjacent to the Office of the Commissioner of Customs (Import), 5th Floor, JNCH and the PTFC members/trade representatives are requested to forward their agenda points, if any, well in advance i.e. 10 days in advance on Fax No. 022-27243245 or by E-mail to Appraising Main (Imp) Section on appraisingmainjnchimp@gmail.com for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

5. This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (Import), JNCH.

(P. N. BALACHANDRAN)

ASST. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

APPRAISING MAIN (IMP), JNCH, SHEVA.

To,

All the Members of PTFC

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