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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 27.04.2017.

The PTFC meeting held on 27.04.2017 was chaired by Shri Shrawan Kumar, Commissioner of Customs, NS-III, Shri Vijay Singh Chauhan, Commissioner of Customs, NS-V and Shri M. R. Mohanty, Commissioner of Customs, NS-II. The meeting was attended by the following Members/Participants of trade:—

Sr. No.	Names (Smt./Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1	Ganpat Korede	ВСНАА
2	Hiren Ruparel	ВСНАА
3	Paresh Thakkar	ВСНАА
4	Nirav Thakker	ВСНАА
5	Paresh Shah	WISA
6	Nimish Desai	WISA
7	Omparkash Agrawal	MSWA
8	Mohan Nihalani	AIIEA
9	Chandu Jham	AIIEA
10	Shankar Shinde	RCCI
11	V. K. Agarwal	ONIDA
12	R. K. Rubin	AMTOI
13	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
14	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
15	Navneet Lamba	CFSAI
16	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
17	S. Srinivas	CFSAI
18	R. Rajasekhar	UPL Ltd.
19	Capt. Sunny Williames	Speedy CFS
20	Kiran Rambhia	ВСНАА
21	Vinay Pathak	A V Global
22	Vinay Tondel	Speedy CFS
23	Raghav Uchil	ANTOI
24	Subhash Rahkumar	MANSA
25	Ashok Kumar Saini	ВСНАА
26	Manish Kumar	MANSA

Following Officers from department attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Names (Smt./Shri/Ms.)	Designation
1.	Dhirendra Lal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	S. C. Gangar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Vijay Risi	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Akhilesh Pandey	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Jagdish Sharan	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Pritee Chaudhary	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	B. S. Mangat	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	Ravindra Kumar	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9.	Dinbandhu Diwakar	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

- 2. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members and mentioned several initiations taken by the JNCH to promote 'Ease of Doing Business' and to reduce the dwell time of cargo. The agenda relating to Import Commissionerates were discussed first, and then following agenda of the Export/General Commissionarates were deliberated upon.
- 3. The discussion & decision in respect of Agenda of NS-G, NS-II & NS-IV Commissionarates are as under.

Point No.1 Difficulty faced by trade in processing of ROSL Claims

Request: - Trade has requested to issue specific guidelines for sanctioning ROSL claims.

Discussion: It was informed that JNCH has already issued Public Notice No. 143/2016 dated 26.10.2016 wherein scheme contents and procedure for disbursement has been outlined. Till date JNCH generated 7 ROSL scrolls containing 5542 shipping bills for amount of Rs. 33,44,43,924/which has been forwarded to centralized PFMS, New Delhi for further disbursement.

It was also noticed that errors existed in the account no./IFSC Code given by the exporters for numerous accounts in each scroll filed, resulting in rejection of the entire file. On the basis of advisory received from DG (System), New Delhi, JNCH also issued Public Notice No. 50/2017 dated 10.04.2017 to advise the exporter to provide correct bank account details. In the ROSL matter, guidelines had been issued from time to time on the basis of advisory receipt from CBEC, DG(System) and ICEGATE HELPDESK Team. As and when guidelines are received in the matter, JNCH will also issue the suitable Public Notice for facilitation/intimation of the trade.

[Issue Closed]

Point No.2. Levy of Amendment charges as per Notf. 36/2017 (CBEC)

Amendment charges is specified under Notf 36/2017 (CBEC) should be recovered along with the customs duty TR6 challan or any method of payment through online. At present these are being recovered in manual cash section which is causing tremendous delay in clearance.

Request: Trade requested that all such amendment fees should be

- a) Recovered either online alongwith TR 6 challan or
- b) By Affixing amendment fee stamp of Rs. 1000/- or
- c) Cash section should be kept open till 7.00 p.m or

d) Through any other authorized bank.

Discussion: It was informed that the request made by the trade is being examined. The issue of requirement of Undertaking Bond/Affidavit from importer/exporter by Shipping agent for the sake of vessel amendment post CBEC circular no. 36/2017 was raised by BCHAA. In its response, representative from shipping line has stressed for doing away of vessel amendment as it is not going to serve any purpose and majority of the amendments are of vessel change. He also claimed that at other ports (specially airport) vessel name is not being filed and the issue of vessel amendments post export does not occur. It was informed that both the issues are being examined in detail and will be raised with proper authority. It was also assured that the concerned section will be asked to submit their feedback on the need of amendment in vessel name post export and the practice prevailing at other ports will also be checked up.

[Attn: ADC/EGM, Cash, PG, NS-Gen]

[Attn: ADC/EDI, NS-I]

[Attn: ADC/Export Docks, NS-IV]

Point No.3. Creation of Central Assessment Cell 24x7

Request: Trade has requested for assessment of export shipping Bills to be carried out on 24x7 basis.

Discussion : The trade was informed that creation of "Centralized Export Assessment Cell(CEAC)" at Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House(JNCH), Nhava Sheva under the jurisdiction of Commissioner NS-II, JNCH has already been approved by Chief Commissioner of Customs, Zone-II, JNCH. The said section is expected to start its operation shortly.

[Issue Closed]

Point No. 4. Direct Gate in of factory Sealed Refer container

Request: Trade has requested that direct gate-in of factory sealed refer containers should be permitted inside the port terminals. They have stated that at present, such containers are getting stuck in the Parking Plaza resulting in tremendous delay in clearance.

Discussion : It was informed that PN 174/2016 has already been issued wherein it is specified that the above request cannot be accepted. However, in order to ensure expeditious clearances, it is decided that document processing relating to "Refrigerated Containers" & "Containers containing perishable goods" will be done on priority (out of turn). In order to distinguish "Refrigerated Containers" shipping bills, the trade is advised to clearly indicate "Refrigerated Containers" on top right corner of such shipping bills. Similarly, for shipping bill pertaining to "perishable goods", trade is advised to clearly indicate "Perishable Goods" on top right corner of such shipping bills.

In view of more facilitation Public Notice No. 35/017 dated 17.03.2017 is issued wherein it was provided that as an interim measure, Customs will not insist for physical entry of "Refrigerated Containers" inside the parking plaza till further orders subject to procedure prescribed in PN.

Adequate number of officers have been deployed for attending registration and granting of LEO in the "Document Processing Area" in the Parking Plazas of respective Port Terminals on 24 X 7 basis.

In view of the above, trade is being informed that any specific case of delay in clearance of refer container will be brought to the notice of department, accordingly suitable corrective measures will be taken.

[Issue Closed]

Point No. 5. Examination Reports and LEO to be generated within 2 hours of registration

The trade informed that there is critical need to ensure that export shipments are processed on topmost priority. At present, generation of examination report is bunched together in the evening period.

Request: They requested that strict monitoring of time bound examination, assessment and generation of LEO be monitored by Authorities. After goods registration, examination and LEO to be given within 2 hours. Further, generation of LEO for RMS facilitated SB should be given on the spot along with registration i.e. within 30 minutes.

Discussion : The trade was informed that the issue has already been addressed in **Facilty Notice No. 23/2016 dated 12.02.2016** wherein AC/DC (in charge of docks) has been asked to ensure that rounds on inspection/Examination are carried out every two hours and feeding of Examination report and generation of LEO is completed within an hour of completion of such rounds.

In view of above the trade is being asked to provide specific non- compliance cases to respective AC/DC for taking suitable measures.

[Issue closed]

<u>Point No. 6.</u> Difficulty faced by liquid fuel exporters for complying to CBEC Notification No. 36/2017-NT

It is observed that there are considerable difficulties faced by liquid bulk exporters since during refuelling process, there is always a possibility of minor deviation from the declared quantity in SB. Hence each and every SB results in payment of amendment fee.

Request: Considering the dynamics of liquid bulk operations, trade has requested for waiver of amendment fee.

Discussion: It was informed that the concern of trade appears to be legitimate. Exemption if any can only be granted by Board as the notification has been issued by the Board. On examining the quantum of variations in quantity, which would be permitted for exempting amendment fee as per CBEC notification no. 36/2017, a reference will be made to the board accordingly. The BCHAA were asked to submit detail representation in this regard.

[Attn: ADC/Export Docks]

[Attn: BCHAA]

Point No. 7. Speedy CFS NOT issuing carting after 6 p.m.

Request: The Trade has requested to issue necessary instruction to speedy CFS to issue carting after 6.00 p.m.

Discussion: The trade was informed that the issue will be taken up with the concerned authority and necessary instruction will be issued.

[Attn: DC/Export Speedy CFS]

4) The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 25.05.2017 at 11.30hrs at Conference Hall, 7th Floor, JNCH. The Chairpersons requested all

the Association Members to forward their agenda points, if any, at least **07 working days in advance** on Fax No. 022-27241256 or by e-mail to Appraising Main (Exp) Section on <a href="mailto:appraising-mailto:a

- 5) The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
- 6) This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs NS-G & IV

(S. C. GANGER)

Addl. Commissioner of Customs Appraising Main (Export)

To,

All the Members of PTFC

Copy to:-

- 1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
- 2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, NS-I, JNCH, Nhava Sheva
- 3. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Directorate General of Taxpayer Services, CR Building, IP Estate, New Delhi 110 109.
- 4. The Pr. Addl. Director General, Directorate General of Tax Payers Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit, Room No. 138/139, New Custom House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai.
- 5. The Commissioner of Customs (NS-G & IV, II, III, V), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
- 6. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs (N.S.-Gen, II & IV), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
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