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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION
COMMITTEE HELD ON 25.10.2018.

The PTFC meeting held on 25.10.2018 was chaired by Shri Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs, NS-III. The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:-

Sr. No.	Names (S/Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organization/Association/Designation
01	V. K. Agarwal	ONIDA
02	Lakshya Tadadikar	CFSAI
03	Bakshi Md. Hanif	SAMSARA/MANSA
04	Umesh Grovar	CFSAI
05	Manish Kumar	MANSA
06	Ganpat P. Korade	BCBA
07	Shankar Shinde	BCBA
08	Vinayak Apparaj	BCBA
09	Roshan Irani	AIWCBA
10	Nimish Desai	WISA
11	Satish Todurkar	MANSA
12	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
13	Ramakrishnan	RCL
14	Venkat Narayanan	CFSAI
15	Archana Ghosh Roy	MIRC-ONIDA
16	Paresh Shah	WISA
17	Mrs. Ganguly	AIWCBA
18	Omprakash Agrawal	MSWA
19	Avinash Buge	JNPT
20	Rajshekhar R	UPL
21	P G Rao	JNPT
22	Neelesh Daler	AICBIEA
23	R K Rubin	AMTOI
24	Nirav Thakker	BCBA
25	Leslie Pinto	Ocean Network
26	Jigar K Shah	OM Freight Forwarders
27	Maruti R. Gadge	BCBA
28	Ashok Saini	BCBA
29	Sindhu Kunep	Trans Asia Line

30	Unni Nair	CMA CGM
31	Milan Desai	WISA

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Names (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
1.	Sanjay Kumar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	Kamlesh Kumar Gupta	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Pritee Chaudhary	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Alok Srivastava	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Rohit Singla	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

2) The Joint Commissioner of Customs, Appraising Main (Import), started the discussion related to the Agenda points of the meeting.

OLD POINTS

Point no 1:- It is represented by BCBA that AQ and FSSAI have same tests for some products such as whey proteins. If FSSAI conducts same test as required by AQ, the same should not be sent for test to AQ. This will save time and cost.

Facts on the matter: - Shri Amol Jagtap, representative from FSSAI, present in the meeting informed that the FSSAI office is in discussion with AQ department and the outcome will be informed shortly.

[Action: DC/AM (Imp)]

Point no 2:- It is represented by CFSAI that issuance of PN 57/2018 dated 10.04.2018 has given a level playing field to all CFSs catering to DPD boxes rather than restricting to single designated CFS in respect of DPD-DPD-CFS boxes that are not cleared within 48 hours from the terminals at JNPT. However, their member CFSs have reported that barring GTI, they have not received any such boxes under DPD-DPD-CFS mode not cleared within 48 hours from other terminals.

They have requested to ensure strict compliance of PN 57/2018 by all the terminals. Further, they have requested that JNCH may also consider asking terminals to furnish the full data of boxes under DPD/DPD/CFS category for a specified period of one month.

The trade representatives further informed in the meeting that provisions of the PN 57/2018 dated 10.04.2018 are not being followed by JNCPT.

Facts on the matter:-The Chair instructed the representative of JNPT present in the meeting to comply with the provisions of PN 57/2018 dated 10.04.2018. The Chair also directed him to reply to letter already issued by the Chief Commissioner of Customs, JNCH in this regard.

[Action: DC/DPD]

Point no 3:- It is represented by BCBA that License registration port should reflect on home screen during appraising assessment to avoid delays in assessment and query of bond debit, alternatively implementing National Bond.

Point no 4:- It is represented by BCBA that Advance Authorization statement and Bond debit ledger printout be provided with every B/E or facility be given so that it can be viewed online on ICEGATE portal.

Facts on Point no 3 & 4:- The Chair has informed that the matter has been referred to DG (Systems) and further being examined in consultation with the Appraising Groups.

[Action: DC/EDI]

NEW POINTS

Point no 1: - Direct Port Delivery

It is represented by BCBA that DPD has been the flagship programme launched by JNCH which has got tremendous success for reduction of dwell time and transaction cost in imports. As the enclosed report in press, BCBA were surprised to learn that DPD is being discontinued.

Further, they have made a humble request that DPD should be continued as it has facilitated import trade tremendously.

Facts on the matter:-The Chair has informed there is no change in DPD Scheme and it continues.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 2: - Main Telephone Numbers not working at JNCH

It is represented by BCBA that Board line number of JN Customs are not working and resulting inconvenience to the trade to contact JNCH. They also have requested to look into the same and rectify the issue for convenience and ease of trade.

The trade representatives further informed in the meeting that cluster wise contact details of Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of customs posted at Docks/CFS are not updated in JNCH website.

Facts on the matter: - The Chair directed EDI section to update cluster wise contact details of Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs posted at Docks/CFS.

[Action: DC/EDI]

Point No. 3:- Touch Screens not functioning at JNCH

It is represented by BCBA that only one touch screen out of the 6 touch screen is functional & available for members to check their ICEGATE details at JNCH.

Further, they have requested to look into the same and provide the facility for convenience and ease of trade.

Facts on the matter:- The Chair informed that quotation for repairing of the faulty Kiosks has been called for and work order has been issued.

[Action: DC/EDI (Hardware)]

Point No. 4:- Non Functioning of Filtered Water Dispenser

It is represented by BCBA that the members are facing problem of Drinking Water because of non-functioning of filtered water dispenser.

Facts on the matter:- The Chair informed that the repairing of faulty filtered water dispenser is under process and the problem will be sorted out shortly.

[Action: DC/CHS]

Point No. 5:- SAD Refund Claims

BCBA vide its letter has requested to expedite pending SAD Refund Claims.

Facts on the matter:- The Chair informed that timely disposal of SAD Refund Claim is primary objective which is monitored on regularly basis. Further, he informed that the process of disposal of SAD Refund Claims has already been expedited. The remaining claims will also be disposed of shortly.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 6:- JNPT Port is not updating the location code in the system.

It is represented by BCBA that JNPT container location (stacking yard code) is not updated in the system which leads to delay, difficulty and hardship in tracing the containers.

Further, they have requested that it should be automatically updated in the system for affecting prompt delivery.

Facts on the matter: - The Chair directed the trade to discuss among themselves whether the issue is being faced in specifically one or two CFSs or all CFSs.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 7:- Mapping of Containers with truck numbers

It is represented by BCBA that JNPT does not provide facility to map the container number with the truck number which results in difficulty of loading capacity based containers on trucks which leads to additional handling outside the port and also road safety.

Further, they have requested that the system be aligned to accept truck number alongwith container number.

Facts on the matter: - The representative from JNPT informed that they are updating their system in this regard. Further, the Chair directed him to update system as early as possible so that the facility could be given to all the containers.

[Action: DC/AM (Imp)]

Point No. 8:- Pendency in Assessment

BCBA vide their letter appreciate the endeavour of JN Customs to reduce the dwell time of import to 48 hrs.

Further, they have requested that pendency in Assessment should be monitored on daily basis.

Facts on the matter:- The Chair informed that daily basis pendency in assessment has already been monitored both by the Group Additional/Joint Commissioners and Group DC/AC. Instructions have been issued by DC/AM(Import) to all Appraising Group DC/AC in this regard.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 9:- Trade is unable to get Invoice and Delivery Order on time though ODEX

It is represented by BCBA that there have been instances that Invoice and Delivery Order through ODEX are not received by members for 2-3 days. Letter in this regards has already been submitted to the Dept. (Copy attached) for reference. Further, they have requested to resolve the issue.

Facts on the matter:- The Chair informed that the concern stakeholder has been informed about the matter and the outcome will be informed shortly.

[Action: DC/DPD Cell]

Point No. 10:- Prior to Finalisation of BE

It is represented by BCBA that most of the Bills of Entry have to be manually processed from prior to Final which has to be automated by the System.

Facts on the matter: - The Chair informed that the instructions have already been issued to the Boarding Officers, JNCH in this regard. Further, he directed to the Deputy Commissioner (Preventive General) to advice Boarding Office as per Public Notice already issued.

[Action: DC/PG]

Point No. 11:- It is represented by WISA that DGFT issued RE-44/2000 in the year 2000 making it mandatory to affix MRP labels on ready to sale pre-packaged goods imported. The same further permitted labeling before the goods were cleared for home consumption if not pre-labeled from origin. All customs formation were ensuring compliance of the same and also permitting affixing the labels on a request being made by the trade if the goods were not pre-labeled.

Around year 2011-12 with the proposed introduction of GST, Special Additional Duty (SAD) introduced in lieu of local taxes was exempt for goods

imported in retail sale pack, intended for retail sale subject to labeling of the packages before clearance for home consumption. However, since it involved an exemption from duty, a need was felt to streamline the process of granting labeling permission. Jawahar Customs issued public notice in this regard stipulating modalities for granting permission for labeling under different scenario for better control and monitoring.

Now since with the introduction of GST in 2017, SAD having been abolished and no revenue implication arising due to MRP labeling, the old system of granting liberal permission for affixing MRP labeling be restored. It is requested to grant liberal permission for labeling any time before order for out of charge is made as stipulated in RE-44/2000.

Facts on the matter: - The Chair informed that this office has already forwarded a letter to CBIC in this regard. Further the Board has forwarded the said issue to DGFT. This office also has forwarded a reminder to the Board.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 12:- WISA vide their mail has shown pleasure that online Goods registration has been activated on ICEGATE and will go a long way in reducing dwell time and sure to reflect in forthcoming time release study. However, after having done goods registration online through ICEGATE, the Bill of Entry remains hanging in the system until an officer pulls it for granting out of charge. Ideally, if such Bills of Entry sequentially appear in officer's screen for out of charge on FIFO basis like assessment screen, the trade will get true benefit and turn-around time will be much faster. Most importantly, the lag between duty payment and goods registration will get curtailed largely reflecting in improved turn-around time.

Further, the trade representatives in the meeting have informed that the system has not been giving Out of Charge on FIFO basis since last 2-3 days.

Facts on the matter: - The Chair agreed with the point by saying that the documents should be uploaded in the system properly. On issue of system not giving Out of Charge on FIFO basis, the Chair assured to look into the matter and get it sorted out shortly. The EDI section to look into the matter and escalate the matter to the Systems.

[Action: DC/EDI]

Point No. 13:- DPD containers

CSLA stated in the meeting that whilst there is uniformity in billing by Terminals for DPD/DPD containers, where the consignee take direct delivery from Terminals, there is still some ambiguity in the billing of DPD/CFS and DPD/DPD/CFS containers. It is advisable to have the consignee or the CFS billed by the Terminals for all types of DPD containers, since dwell time invoices are raised by the Terminals much later of release of the containers, and it then becomes difficult for the Shipping Lines to recover the cost from the consignees.

Facts on the matter: - The Chair has agreed with the point raised regarding uniform billing practice. He directed that a uniform billing practice must be followed by all the stake holders involved.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 14:- SCMT

CSLA in their mail has stated that the process for on-line registration PAN-INDIA basis and the structural formats of IGM and EGM are yet to receive. As appraised in the past, it will take few months' time for the Lines to get their system modified as per their requirement of new IGM/EGM format/structure. Hence implementation of the SCMT w.e.f. 1st Nov 2018 as envisaged is not possible. CSLA has requested to issue a Public Notice the soonest, extending the time period suitably in order to avoid any ambiguity and complications.

Facts on the matter: - The Chair informed that the representation in this regard has already been forwarded to the Board. Any further action will be taken after outcome received from the Board.

[Point Closed]

Point No. 15:- BMCT

CSLA in their mail has stated that ITT movement for CRO/ICD and TP containers – as discussed in the CCFC meeting, there should be no need for Customs Escort since the movement is done by the Terminal themselves. CSLA has requested to issue a Public Notice at the earliest, as discussed in CCFC meeting.

Facts on the matter: - The Chair informed that in principal, there is no need for Customs Escort since the movement is done by the Terminal themselves. Accordingly, SOP will be issued shortly indicating procedure to be followed in this regard.

[Action: DC/PSO]

4. The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on **29.11.2018 at 11:30 AM** at conference Hall, 7th Floor, JNCH. **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 appraisingmain.jnch@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-III.

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

Sd/-

(Lalit Kumar Meher)

Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
Appraising Main (Import),
JNCH, Nhava Sheva

To,

All the Members of PTFC (through email)

Copy to (through email)

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