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# MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 31.08.2017.

The PTFC meeting held on 31.08.2017 was chaired by Shri M.R. Mohanty, Commissioner of Customs, NS-II, Shri Subhash Agarwal, Commissioner of Customs, NS-III, Shri Vijay Singh Chauhan, Commissioner of Customs, NS-V, and Shri Utkaarsh Tiwaari, Commissioner of Customs, NS-G. The meeting was attended by the following Members/Participants of trade:-

Sr. No.	Names (Smt./Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
2	Ashok Saini	BCBA
3	Nimish Desai	WISA
4	Paresh Shah	WISA
5	S. Srinivas	CFSAI
6	Omparkash Agrawal	MSWA
7	Vinayak	BCBA
8	Ganpat Koddr	BCBA
9	Shankar Shinde	RCCI
10	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
11	R. Rajasekhar	UPL Ltd.
12	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
13	James Joseph	CFSA
14	Ashish Pednekar	BACA
15	Nirav Thakker	BACA

16	S C Mohanty	MSWC
17	Manish Kumar	MANSA
18	Subhash Rajkumar	MANSA

Following Officers from department attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Names (Smt./Shri/Ms.)	Designation
1.	Vijay Rishi	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	Dhirendra Lal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Nikhil Meshram	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Shamshad Alam	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Pritee Chaudhary	Jt. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Kunal Kashyap	Jt. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Rohit Singla	Jt. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	Rajiv Shankar	Jt. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9.	Alok Srivastava	Jt. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
10.	C.P.S. Chauhan	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
11.	S.Veeramuthu	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
12.	Ranjana Chaudhary	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

# Old Points

# Point No.1:- Invoicing problem with CFSs.

Exim trade is facing problems with majority of CFSs due to following:-

- a) Non- availability of Advance Invoice facility.
- b) Delay at the billing counter i.e., 3-5 hours.
- c) Lack of standardizing in invoicing and billing process.
- d) Raising of invoice by 3<sup>rd</sup> party in MSWC, DRT and All Cargo CFSs.

# Action Taken-

CFS representative informed that most of the CFSs are providing this facility. However, they are in consultation with all the CFSs to sort out the above issue. They promised to resolve these issues by 31.10.2017. The Chairman directed the CFS Management Cell to monitor these issues on continuous basis to ensure that these issues are finally resolved by 31.10.2017.

{Action: DC/ CFS Management Cell}

#### Point No. 2:- Scanning of ICD Containers and TP Containers:-

Trade has represented that ICD Containers and TP containers are selected for scanning through the RMS automated system that causes delayed movement of containers and shipping agents/lines are incurring avoidable expenses. It is requested that procedure may be re-looked into and ICD Containers be exempted from scanning.

#### Action taken

The Chairman informed the trade that Department is aware of the issue raised and will take appropriate decision considering security aspects. Most of ICDs have no scanning facilities and therefore the request cann't be acceded to.

(Point Closed)

## Point No.3:- ICEGATE Facility of Rotation Number of the Vessels:

It is informed by the trade that some shipping lines/agents are unable to generate Online Rotation Number through the newly implemented ICEGATE option.

#### <u>Action taken:-</u>

The Chairman requested the trade to examine this issue with the EDI as there would be possibility of mis-matching the data with the ICEGATE and directed DC, EDI to purse the above matter with ICEGATE/DG Systems to resolve the issues.

{Action: DC/ EDI}

# **New Points**

New Point No. 1 to 6 sponsered by BCBA.

# <u>Point No. 1:- Provisional Shipment Goods to be released on fixed Deposit, NSC,</u> <u>Kisan Vikas Patra, etc, in lieu of Bank Guarantee:-</u>

It is requested by the trade that in lieu of Bank Guarantees, Fixed deposits, NSC, Kisan Vikas Patra etc may be accepted for release of Provisional Shipments goods.

#### Action taken:-

The matter was discussed in detail. The department informed that NSC and Kisan Vikas Patra have a fix maturity period and don't have an auto renewal clause; therefore, it cannot be accepted in lieu of Bank Guarantee. Fix Deposit may be considered. BCBA is asked to submit representation in this regard.

#### (Point Closed)

# <u>Point No. 2:-EDI Errors, Notification having end use conditions are reflecting BG</u> <u>amount in the Bill of Entry:-</u>

It is informed that due to EDI System error, Notification having end use conditions are reflecting BG amount in the Bill of Entry.

### <u>Action taken:-</u>

The Chairman directed the DC, EDI to purse the above matter with ICEGATE for early solution of the above issue.

#### {Action: DC/EDI}

#### Point No. 3:-Mismatch in calculation of deadline of 48 hrs for DPD consignment:-

It is informed that there is mismatch in calculation of deadline of 48 hrs for DPD Consignment. Port terminals are calculating from the discharge time even in cases where the final entry has been filed subsequent to the discharge of container. Trade has suggested that 48 hrs deadline should be calculated from the date and time of final entry.

#### <u>Action taken</u>

The Chairman informed the trade about proper procedure to calculate the time period for DPD consignment. They further, informed the trade that PN No. 110/2017 has been issued in this regard. If due to some technical/system problems, trade is unable to evacuate the DPD Container from the Port within 48 hours, the ADC, DPD has been authorized to extend the 48 hours time limit for another 24 hours for evacuating of the DPD container from the port terminal. Department may write letter if the Port authority don't comply with the PN

Notice. The matter may be brought to the notice of ADC, DPD for issuing necessary instruction.

{Point Closed}

# <u>Point No. 4:- Non following of PN 57/2017 regarding non requirement of signature</u> of Customs officials on the final printout of Bill of Entry:-

It is informed that in spite of having issued of PN 57/2017 regarding no requirement of signatures of Customs Officials on the final printout of Bills of Entry, however signature is still being insisted on the hard copy of the OOC.

## Action taken

The Chairman directed the trade to inform the name of such officers who insist signature on the final printout of Bills of Entry so as to take action against such errant officers.

{Point Closed}

## Point No. 5:-Frequent Breakdown of EDI Systems

It is informed that frequent breakdown of EDI system is detrimental for the timely clearance of import and export consignments.

### <u>Action taken:-</u>

The Chairman informed the trade that the matter is being monitored by the Department.

{Action: EDI}

### Point No. 6:- Non functioning of Scanners:-

It is informed that due to non functioning of Scanners, there is delay in clearing the cargo and also there have been regular instances where the containers are again sent back for scanning resulted in lot of hardship. This cost extra time and expenditure to the importer.

### Action taken:

The Chairpersons informed the trade that now both scanners have started functioning.

{Point Closed}

5. The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 28.09.2017 at 11:30 AM at conference Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>appraisingmain.jnch@qov.in</u> for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

6. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

7. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-III.

# (S.VEERAMUTHU)

# Deputy Commissioner of Customs Centralized Appraising main (Import) NS-I, III & V JNCH/022-27244860

Τo,

All the Members of PTFC,

# <u>Copy to:</u>

- 1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH, Sheva.
- The Principal Addl. Director General, Directorate General of Tax Payers Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit, Room No.138/139, New Custom House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai - 400 001 (<u>mzu-dgtps@gov.in</u>).
- 3. The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai.
- 4. The Pr. Commissioner/All Commissioners of Customs, Zone-II, JNCH, Sheva.
- 5. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs (I, III, V), JNCH, Sheva.
- 6. DC/EDI for uploading on JNCH website.
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