



**OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS NS-II & IV**  
**JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA TAL:**  
**URAN, DIST. RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA-400707**

F. No. S/12-Gen-Misc-11/2018-19 AM(X)

Date: 31.10.2018

**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:-

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Names (S/Shri/Ms./Mrs.)</b>	<b>Organization/Association/Designation</b>
1.	Manish Kumar	MANSA
2.	Satish Todurkar	MANSA
3.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
4.	Bakshi Md. Hanif	MANSA
5.	Ramakrishnan	RCL
6.	Venkat Narayanan	CFSAI
7.	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
8.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
9.	Archana Ghosh Roy	MIRC-ONIDA
10.	V K Agarwal	ONIDA
11.	Paresh Shah	WISA
12.	Mrs. Ganguly	AIWCBA
13.	Roshan Irani	AIWCBA
14.	Ganpat P. Korade	BCBA
15.	Shankar Shinde	BCBA
16.	Omprakash Agrawal	MSWA
17.	Avinash Buge	JNPT
18.	Rajasekhar R	UPL
19.	PG Rao	JNPT
20.	Neelesh Daler	AICBIEA
21.	R K Rubin	AMTOI
22.	Nirav Thakker	BCBA
23.	Leslie Pinto	Ocean Network
24.	Jigar K Shah	OM Freight Forwarders
25.	Vinayak B. Aparaj	BCBA
26.	Maruti R. Gadge	BCBA
27.	Ashok Saini	BCBA
28.	Sindhu Kunep	Trans Asia Line
29.	Unni Nair	CMA CGM
30.	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.	Alok Srivastava	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Rohit Singla	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Pritee Chaudhary	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Kamlesh Kumar Gupta	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

2. At the outset the Chairman welcomed all the members and discussed the agenda points relating to Import Commissionerates first followed by agenda points of the Export/General Commissionerates.

3. The discussion & decision in respect of agenda points pertaining to NS-G & NS-II Commissionerates are as under:-

**Point No. 1: When EDI system is not functioning the Manual LEO is not allowed if registration is not done and due to cut –off issues the containers misses the vessel. How can the exporters be helped in this case:-**

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that the Public Notice No 13/20117 dated 31.01.2017 has clearly laid down the guidelines and procedure for this situation. Point was raised by S Ramdas Pragji Forwarders Pvt. Ltd, but no one from the member side was present in the meeting.

(Issue Closed)

**Point No. 2: In RFID if truck number mistake, then also containers are being opened when it should be only if mistake in container/seal numbers and shipping bill numbers:-**

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that the matter has already been discussed in the past and the guidelines as per para 06(a) of the Public Notice no 120/2017 dated 27.09.2017 are followed.

(Issue Closed)

**Point No. 3: Timely assessment of Shipping Bills:-**

To facilitate timely processing of export consignments, we suggest that SB assessed late at night should be released either on the same day or in the early morning next day. Further in terms of PN No 64/2017 (para no 8), we request that export SB should be released on 24\*7 basis.

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that the matter has already been discussed in the last PTFC meeting. Trade representatives requested for starting the process on 24\*7 assessment on trial basis or to depute One Officer for night shift. The Chair pointed out that the Shipping Bills can be filed 15 days in advance, hence 24\*7 assessment is not required. So, there is sufficient time for the exporter to present their goods for carting if goods have been assessed in advance. However, the Chair informed that matter will be discussed with the Commissioner of Customs (NS-II).

(Issue Open)

**Point No.4: Cancellation of EPCG Bond/BG:-**

There should be timely cancellation of EPCG Bond/BG after receipt of EODC.

**Discussion:** Trade members pointed out that there is delay in the EPCG Bond/BG cancellation process as the list of random verification of 5% cases is being declared on monthly basis and the request was made to publish this list on a fortnightly basis. The Chair informed that the request would be looked into and efforts would be made to get the list of 5% random verification cases out on fortnightly basis to expedite the cancellation of EPCG Bond/BG.

**(Issue Closed)**

**Point No. 5: Implementation of points discussed in Parking Plaza meeting held on 19/09/2018:-**

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that the issue is being monitored. Trade representatives pointed out about the long pending requirement of RFID readers at CFS but has not yet materialized. The infrastructure and congestion related issues pertaining to Parking Plaza have already been discussed at the Board level and timely monitoring of the same is being done.

**(Issue Closed)**

**Point No. 6: Issue of ICEGATE EGM acknowledgement:-**

ICEGATE acknowledgement with validation status of each shipping bills for some EGMs were not generated from the system and not forwarded to the concerned shipping lines due to system problem. This issue was taken up with the ICEGATE Helpdesk by the concerned shipping lines, but no solution/response was given by them. In absence of ICEGATE Output file, shipping lines are not in position to find out how many shipping bills have been successfully validated and how many have been rejected. ICEGATE may please be requested to address the important issue.

**Discussion:** Trade members pointed out that they are not getting proper response from ICEGATE team and asked for a point of contact for escalation of the issues pertaining to the ICEGATE system. The Chair informed that the issue is already being monitored closely and has directed the Officers concerned to give high priority to this issue and get it addressed at the earliest.

**Kind Attn: ADC/JC, EDI**

**Point No. 7: The Shipping Bill numbers are not legible even in the original Shipping Bills, resulting in wrong filing of wrong Shipping Bill number in EGM by members:-**

**Discussion:** Trade members presented the copies of certain Shipping Bills to represent the issues regarding legibility of S/B nos. The Chair informed that the issue has already been discussed with DG (Systems) in the past and will again be pursued. EDI section will forward the scanned copies of sample Shipping Bills and will again take up the matter with the DG (Systems).

**Kind Attn: ADC/JC, EDI**

**Point No. 8: Issues pertaining to EGM related errors:-**

About 70 % of “A” errors, where Customs system reject the EGM filed by our members occur due to non-filing of train / truck report by concerned ICD Custodian/Customer in time at origin point. It is actually supposed to be updated immediately, after the moving of the container from the ICD and prior to filing of the Gateway EGM, so as to avoid the said errors. If timely action is not taken by the concerned ICD operator / Customer, it results in a waste of time & effort on the part of the lines. Our members are then simply asked to file supplementary EGM for all such S/Bills, which tantamounts to punishing the S/Lines for the continuous inaction / inefficiency on the part of the concerned ICD officials. This issue has been discussed several times in the past too & assurances received for getting the system streamlined but the problem still persists.

**Discussion:** The Chair informed that the issue would also be escalated to the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Zone-II. However, the issue needs to get solved at the ICD level and the Chair mentioned that the issue would again be pursued with the Board to get necessary directives issued to the concerned ICDs.

**Kind Attn: ADC/JC, EGM Coordination Cell**

The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 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 (Export) Section on apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in** for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

4. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
5. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-II.
6. Minutes are placed on JNCH website and also being sent through emails to the members.

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**(Kamlesh Kumar Gupta)**  
Joint Commissioner of Customs,  
Appraising Main (Export),  
NS – II, JNCH.

To,

1. All the Members of PTFC (through email)
2. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
3. 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 ([mzu-dgtps@gov.in](mailto:mzu-dgtps@gov.in)).
4. The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai.
5. All Commissioners of Customs, Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
6. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
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