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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(EXPORT) HELD ON 25.01.2017.

The PTFC meeting held on 25.01.2018 was chaired by. Shri Vijay Singh Chauhan, Commissioner of Customs, NS–V. The meeting was also attended by the following Members/Participants of trade:–

Sr. No.	Names (Smt./Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1	Mohan Nihlani	AIIEA
2	HirenRuparel	BCBA
3	Tarun Goel	DRT CONCOR
4	Paresh Shah	WISA
5	Bhakshi Md. Hanif	MANSA/SAMSARA
6	Gururaj Kulkarni	DRT CONCOR
7	RaghavUchil	AMTOI
8	Mansih Kumar	MANSA
9	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
10	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
11	Shankar Shinde	BCBA
12	Mrs. Ganguly	AWCBA
13	Ganpat P. Kavade	BCBA
14	V.K. Aggarwal	ONIDA
15	Ashish Chandra	SPEEDY
16	Capt. Sunny Williams	SPEEDY
17	RoshanIrani	AWCBA
18	S. C. Mohanty	MSWC CFS
19	Rajashekhar R.	UPL
20	Kiran Ugale	MSWC
21	Salim Shikalgar	CFSAI
22	S. Srinivas	CFSAI
23	Vinay Tandel	SPEEDY
24	Satyajeet Patra	ZIM/STAR
25	Anirban Ghosh	GTI
26	Prashant Mhatre	GTI
27	Sachin Parab	GTI
28	Ashish Pednekar	BCBA
29	Omprakash Agarwal	MSWA
30	Karunakar S. Shetty	BCBA
31	Sarfarz A. Khan	MACCIA
32	Ashok Saini	BCBA
33	Nirav Thakkar	24X7 Logistics Pvt. Ltd.
34	Girish Mhatre	AMEYA CFS
35	Manish Kumar	MANSA

36	Philumena Pereira	MACCIA
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Following Officers from department also attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Names (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
1.	Subhash Agrawal	Commissioner of Customs NS-IV
2.	Utkaarsh Tiwari	Commissioner of Customs NS-G
3.	R.P.Khandelwal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Nikhil R. Meshram	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	ShamshadAlam	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Dhirendra Lal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Alok Srivastava	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	Kunal Kashyap	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9.	S. Veeramuthu	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
10.	Yudhast Kumar	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
11.	O. P. Yadav	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
12.	Shweta Yadav	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

2. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members and informed about the preliminary outcome of the TRS in Import. The agenda points relating to Import Commissionerate were discussed first, and then following agenda points of the Export/General Commissionerates were deliberated upon.

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

OLD POINTS

Point No. 1: Requirement of Form E -13 for export cargo at time of entry of goods at Parking Plaza and for generation of LEO.:-

Request: Endeavour of creation of Parking Plaza was to facilitate smooth processing of export cargo. The Officers should not insist on Form E – 13 for export cargo at time of entry of goods at Parking Plaza and for generation of LEO (Reference PN No. 73/2017).

Status: Form-13 is not asked by Customs during entry of container/TT in the parking plaza. However, seeking of Form-13 before granting LEO is to ensure that the container moves in directly to Port Terminal after LEO generation. In case LEO is generated without vessel gate opening (Form-13), then the container/TT stays outside the premises of Customs/Port after exiting parking plaza, thus, leaving it vulnerable for fraudulent activities/risks. Movement of containers/TTs for export should be planned such that they reach the port at the closet possible date of vessel shut out with some additional time to avoid the eleventh hour rush.

Discussion: Commissioner of Customs, NS-General informed that Form E-13 will be asked by the Superintendent of Customs before grant of LEO until any other option to control the movement of containers for which LEO has been granted is available. However, it was suggested that a separate meeting of stakeholders will be conducted to look into the matter.

[Attn. DC/Parking Plaza]

Point No. 2: LEO should be granted within 1 hour of documents submission:-

Request: The BCBA requested that for timely processing of export documents, the LEO should be granted within 1 hour of submission of documents with the officers at Parking Plaza.

Status: Sufficient staff of Customs has been posted in the various parking plazas cater for Exporter's needs and to process the documents on 24*7 basis. The time period starting from entry of container /TT in the parking plaza and then exiting after documents processing and LEO generation is less than even half an hour and due priority is given to Reefer and Perishable containers as per the provisions of Public Notice 35/2017 dated 17.03.2017. Only in case of RMS Non facilitated containers, the time taken is comparatively more owing to the open and Examination procedure. For the benefit of exporters and for speedy clearance, JNCH is in the process of provisioning the Examination process of reefer containers in more number of CFS so that dwell time can further be reduced.

Discussion: Commissioner of Customs, NS-General informed that apart from some exceptional situations, LEO is granted within an hour of submission of all relevant documents.

[Issue closed]

NEW POINTS

Point No. 3: Examination is resulting in delay for exports:-

Request: The BCBA mentioned that if E-sealed containers are selected for examination, it is resulting in delay for exports. They requested that a mechanism be worked out to handle both reefer and non-reefer cargo to be processed in a speedier manner in such cases.

Status: This issue was discussed in the last PTFC meeting and it was discussed that as regards containers stuffed/sealed under physical supervision of Central Excise/GST authorities, instructions would be issued by NS-G Commissionerate. Further, it was communicated that the self-sealed containers, if selected for examination by the system, will continue to be examined in the CFS, till the examination facility is not available in the Parking Plazas.

Discussion: Commissioner of Customs-General informed that the matter has also been referred to Ministry and soon detailed SOP will be issued.

[Attn. DC/Parking Plaza]

Point No 4: Nodal Officer to facilitate IGST Refunds:-

Request: The BCBA requested for a nodal officer who can guide the exporter regarding IGST refund related issues, such as data mis-match, EGM issues, correction in system.

Status:

Discussion: Commissioner of Customs-IV informed that the DC/Drawback is the Nodal Officer to facilitate IGST refunds. Also DC/Drawback will issue FAQ on the same in a short time.

[Attn. DC/Drawback]

Point No 5: Signatures of Customs Officials on final copy of B/E and SB.:-

Request: The BCBA appreciated the dispensation of signatures of Customs Officials on final copy of the B/E and S/B and mentioned that exporters are still facing issues from DGFT as they are still insisting on attested copy of exporter's copy of Shipping Bill by Customs. They requested to reiterate the instructions wherein the signatures for final copy of B/E and S/B are dispensed with.

Status: The requirement of signatures of Customs officials on the final printout of the B/E was done away with vide Public Notice no. 57/2017 dated 26.04.2017.

DGFT vide Public Notice No. 52/2015-2020 dated 12.01.2018, has clarified that for

Form ANF-4F “Application for Redemption/ No Bond Certificate against Advance Authorisation”

- (i) No hard copy of the Shipping Bill(s) shall be required to be filed for EO discharge for shipments from EDI ports and
- (ii) The applicant will have option to submit Exporter Copy of shipping bill in original duly signed by the Customs authority concerned in lieu of EP copy of shipping bill.

Form ANF-4G “Application for issue of Transferable Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) (including for ARO and Invalidation Letter)”

- (i) The applicant will have option to submit Exporter Copy of shipping bill in original duly signed by the Customs authority concerned in lieu of EP copy of shipping bill.

Accordingly, Public Notice No. 10 of 2018 dated 18/01/2018 has been issued.

Discussion:

[Issue closed]

4. After discussions of agenda points, Commissioner of Customs, NS-IV requested all members specially importers and Customs Brokers to use e-SANCHIT for all their import and export declarations and in case of any difficulties, bring it to notice of customs.

5. The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on **22.02.2018 at 11.30hrs at Conference Hall, 7th Floor, JNCH**. The Chairman requested all the 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 (Export) Section on apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

6. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-IV.

Sd/-

(R. P. KHANDELWAL)

Addl. Commissioner of Customs,
Appraising Main (Export),
NS-IV, JNCH.

To, All the Members of PTFC.

Copy to:- (through e-mail)

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
2. The Commissioner of Customs, NS-I, II, III, IV, IV & GEN 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. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs (N.S.-Gen, II & IV), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
6. DC/Appraising Main (Import), JNCH.
7. AC/EDI for uploading on JNCH website.
8. Office Copy.