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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION
COMMITTEE (EXPORT) HELD ON 29.11.2018.

The PTFC meeting held on 29.11.2018 was chaired by Shri M. R. Mohanty, Commissioner of Customs (NS-I & II), Shri Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs (NS-III), Shri Utkaarsh R. Tiwaari, Commissioner of Customs (NS-G) and Shri Rajesh Kumar Mishra, Commissioner of Customs (NS-V). The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:—

Sr. No.	Names (S/Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1.	Manish Kumar	MANSA
2.	Rajasekhar R	UPL
3.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
4.	Bakshi Md. Hanif	MANSA
5.	Vinayak B. Aparaj	BCBA
6.	Venkat Narayanan	CFSAI
7.	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
8.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
9.	Neelesh Daler	AICBIEA
10.	V K Agarwal	ONIDA
11.	Paresh Shah	WISA
12.	Ganpat P. Korade	BCBA
13.	Shankar Shinde	BCBA
14.	Nirav Thakker	BCBA
15.	Leslie Pinto	Ocean Network
16.	Maruti R. Gadge	BCBA
17.	Ashok Saini	BCBA
18.	Sindhu Kunip	Trans Asia Line
19.	Unni Nair	MANSA
20.	Nimish Desai	WISA
21.	Ketan Desai	BCBA
22.	Roshan Irani	AWCBA
23.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
24.	S. C Mohanty	MSWC-CFS
25.	Chetna M Badheka	AWCBA
26.	Capt. Sunny Williams	Speedy CFS
27.	Raghav Lichel	ANTOI
28.	Nirav Vora	Atul Ltd.
29.	Vinay Pathak	A.V Global
30.	Philomewa Pereira	MACCIA

31	Vinay Thandel	Speedy CFS
32	Nama Zaware	Navkar CFS
33	V. M Thomas	CSLA
34	Subhash Rajkumar	MANSA
35	Omkar Dongre	ONE
36	Puneet Jain	FFFAI
37	Shivdas Tandel	Emirates
38	Kalbinder Singh	PIL
39	Samir Shikalgar	CFSAI
40	Wilfred Menezes	AMTOI

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting:–

Sr. No.	Names (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
1.	Sanjay Kumar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	R.K Singh	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Kailash Chandra Kala	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Alok Srivastava	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Rohit Singla	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Kamlesh Kumar Gupta	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Vishal D. Jaronde	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	Rajiv Shankar	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9.	Kunal Kashyap	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
10.	Vijay J Manvatkar	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
11.	Dhirendra Kumar	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
12.	Prasant Kumar Sinha	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
13.	Shashank Dwivedi	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
14.	Jitendra Singh	Assistant 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: 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: The Chair informed that the issue has already been taken up with the DG (Systems). Assistant Commissioner of Customs (EDI) mentioned that follow up will be done with the DG (Systems) for resolution of the issue.

(Issue Closed)

Point No. 2: 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: The Chair informed that this issue has also been taken up with the DG (Systems) and scanned copies of the documents provided by trade representatives during the last PTFC meeting have been forwarded to DG (Systems) and follow up will be done for the resolution of the issue.

(Issue Closed)

Point No. 3: 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 tantamount 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 explained the issue in detail and informed that the matter has already been discussed with the ministry and are in a process of drafting a circular/instruction regarding the issue. The chair also asked the CFS to ensure they keep the record of reworking of the EGMs of LCL cargo in telesheet format.

(Issue Closed)

Point No.4: Shipping container for Export Cargo to be considered as Unit of Package for examination:-

As being done on the import side vide PN No 68/2017, for examination of export cargo, the export container should be considered as Unit of Package instead of individual cartons. It may be noted on the import side, the entire container is considered as Unit of Package in case of examination. For example: A shipment having 50 containers, only 5% of containers are chosen for examination whereas on export side, Individual cartons packed in different containers are chosen for examination, thus leading to opening of more than 50-60 % of the containers.

Discussion: The Chair mentioned that the trade representatives shall submit the details of specific live cases of this situation, so that the matter could be taken with the Additional Director General, RMD.

(Issue Closed)

Point No. 5: Accuracy in filing of EGM Stuffing report:-

It may be noted that there is huge pendency of Stuffing Reports as on today which needs to be monitored on regular basis by higher authorities.

Discussion: The Chair informed that the issue is being monitored regularly. Joint Commissioner of Customs (NS-II) shared the data pertaining to pending stuffing reports and mentioned that the pendency is not substantial and will soon be cleared. Also, Export Docks Officers have been instructed to examine all the pending stuffing reports and clear them at the earliest.

(Issue Closed)

Point No. 6: Export Examination to be carried out on Sundays/Holidays:-

To facilitate timely processing of Export cargo consignments which are selected by the system for open and examination is not possible on weekends and holidays due to which export consignments get delayed.

We suggest that set officers be available for carrying out examination and LEO on weekends and holidays.

Discussion: The Chair informed that necessary efforts are being made to resolve this issue. Joint Commissioner of Customs (NS-II) informed that the issue is pertaining to infrastructure availability in the CFS on Sunday/Holiday. Hence, the discussion is going on with the CFSs to chalk out a plan and devise a solution for this issue. Once the availability of requisite infrastructure facility for open and examination is confirmed, suitable Public Notice shall be issued.

(Issue Closed)

Point No. 7A: We are facing issues related to open order. Off late instance of open order have increased. In fact, in October we filed close to 120 S/bills for factory stuffed containers ex NHS and we got open order in 18 out of those. That is around 15% which is very high. Further, being AEO T2 entity, we were expecting that such cases would -reduce. This not only increase the cost but also may result in delay of exports.

Discussion: The Chair mentioned that it is a specific case faced by an individual entity. Hence, complete details should be shared to examine the issue.

(Issue Closed)

Point No. 7B: Also, customs require an expert from the cargo owner to be present in case of open order for Class 8 & 9 cargos. Here as well it is practically becoming very difficult to keep on sending person from factory to supervise such activity. Again there is increase in cost and also may result in delay of export.

Discussion: The Chair informed that it is not mandatory for an expert to be present for examination for instances other than the examination of hazardous cargo. Also, the chair informed that the

process can be carried out under the Customs Preventive Supervision of the local Jurisdiction where the plant is located. Also, the Chair mentioned that there is already a Public Notice (P.N 106/2018, dt. 10.07.2018) issued by this Office regarding stuffing and sealing of refrigerated containers.

(Issue Closed)

Additional Points

Point No. 1: A member made a request that compiled Agenda Points may be provided to all the trade members in advance for more meaningful discussion.

Discussion: The chair agreed and directed that the agenda points can be posted on JNCH website in advance.

The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 27th December, 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 (latest by 20/12/2018) via e-mail to Appraising Main (Export) Section on apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in** for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting. Please ensure the strict compliance of the deadline for submission of the agenda points to ensure the uploading of the agenda points on JNCH website in due course of time.

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.

(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).
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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