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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON 30.11.2017.

The PTFC meeting held on 30.11.2017 was chaired by. Shri M. R. Mohanty, Commissioner of Customs, NS –I & II. 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	Vinay Tandel	Speedy CFS
3	Vinayak B. Aparaj	BCBA
4	Paresh Shah	WISA
5	Chetna Bhadika	AIWCBA
6	Christine Glenn	AIWCBA
7	Raghav Unchil	AMTOI
8	Philomena Pereira	MACCIA
9	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
10	Venkt Narayan	CFSAI
11	Shankar Shinde	RCCI
12	Chetan Kotak	SPICES Association
13	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
14	R. Rajasekhar	UPL Ltd
15	Captain S. William	SPEEDY CFS
16	Umesh Shetty	CONTINENTAL CFS
17	Roshan Irani	AWCBA
18	S. C. Mohanty	MSWC
19	Jude Fernandes	INDEV CFS
20	Neelesh Datir	AILBCIEA
21	Navneet Lamba	GDL CFSAI
22	Bilal Shaikh	HAMUSHA
23	Nilesh Desai	WISA
24	S. Srinivas	CFSAI
25	Manish Jain	KML
26	Sunil Kumar Chauhan	KML
27	Ashok Saini	BCBA
28	Nirav Thakker	BCBA
29	Saurabh Bhagat	MICT
30	Sashi Paul	DDC(I), WZ
31	Ravindra Shripad	ADC(I), WZ
32	Banoth Venkateswarlu	CDSCO, WZ
33	Sumeet Tanwar	CFSAI
34	Ranjit	CFSAI
35	Md. Firoz	ALHAQ

36	Vinay Pathak	BCBA
37	Salim Shikalgar	CFSAI
38	Prafulla Parab	BCBA

Following Officers from department also attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Names (Smt./Shri/Ms.)	Designation
1.	Dhirendra Lal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	R. P. Khandelwal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Shamshad Alam	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Pritee Chaudhary	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Rohit Singla	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	Alok Srivastava	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Rajiv Shankar	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8.	S. Veeramuthu	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9.	Yudhust Kumar	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
10.	O. P. Yadav	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
11.	S. R. Adate	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
12.	Ranjana Chaudhary	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

2. Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of Customs, in charge of Import/Export Docks under JNCH, also attended the meeting.
3. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members. The agenda relating to Import Commissionerate were discussed first, and then following agenda of the Export/General commissionerates were deliberated upon.
4. All the old points of the previous PTFC meeting were closed. The discussion & decision in respect of Agenda points pertaining to NS-G, NS-II & NS – IV Commissionerates are as under:-

5. NEW POINTS

Point No. 1: Opening of RMS facilitated containers for inspection:-

Request: There have been instances when shipments facilitated under RMS, are directed to be opened for inspection. This procedure needs to be reviewed in the revised context.

Discussion: The Commissioner (General) informed that the issue will be considered and if found appropriate, the procedure prevailing since 2014 will be reintroduced for the cargo stuffed/sealed under physical supervision of C.E./GST authorities. As per instructions dated 20.05.2014 issued vide F.No.S/12-Gen-53/2013-14 AM(X).

[Attn. DC/Parking Plaza]

Point No. 2: Modification in Clause 4 of Circular No. 36/2017 issued by CBEC with respect to RFID:-

Request: Clause 4 of Circular No. 36/2017 issued by CBEC makes it obligatory on the part of exporters to furnish various information under RFID process and two of the information required are shipping bill no and shipping bill date. These data will be only available only after the containers reach Mumbai and not at the time of affixing the seal. Hence, it is requested to modify the said circular accordingly so that the documents are not rejected for deficiency.

Discussion: It was informed that exporters are expected to file shipping bill earlier so as to feed the information as per circular. It was also clarified that the requisite details are to be fed into the system anytime before the scanning of E-Seal by the customs at the time of examination.

[Issue closed]

Point No. 3 : Permission to use bottle seals for some time with respect to a few ISO where the LID are not large enough to match the required diameter of RFID seals:- in such cases we may be permitted to continue use bottle seals for some time till modifications in the lids are done.

Request: Permission to use bottle seals for some time with respect to a few ISO where the LID are not large enough to match the required diameter of RFID seals. In such cases, the trade requested to permit to continue use bottle seals for some time till modifications in the lids are done.

Discussion: The Chairman assured that the matter would be considered and the decision will be conveyed.

[Attn. DC/Parking Plaza]

Point No. 4: RFID containers once LEO is issued and if the container is shutout, process that is needed to be followed has to be prescribed.

Request: RFID containers once LEO is issued and if the container is shutout process that is needed to be followed has to be prescribed.

Discussion: The Chairman informed that the issue has already been taken care of in the public notice no.73/2017 and if any specific instance is brought to the notice, the requisite orders/instructions will be issued.

[Attn. DC/Parking Plaza]

Point No. 5: Hazardous cargo in ISO tanks as sampling in the customs area pursuant to an open order was not practical we were advised to dispatch the same under excise supervision, in the current context under RFID Sealing it will be essential to have the process redefined.

Request: Sampling of hazardous cargo in ISO tanks in the customs area pursuant to an Open and Examination order is not practical and the exporters were advised to dispatch the same under supervision of jurisdictional Customs (Preventive)/GST Officers, in the current context under RFID Sealing, it will be essential to have the process redefined.

Discussion: As per Point 1 above.

[Attn. DC/Parking Plaza]

Point No. 6: Requirement of Form E -13 for export cargo at the 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 the time of entry of goods at Parking Plaza and for generation of LEO (Reference PN No. 73/2017).

Discussion:- It was informed that Form – 13 is being insisted upon so as to ensure that there should not be any case of vessel shut out and to ease out traffic situation caused by early arrival of containers. The Commissioner (General) also assured to discuss the issue with stake holders in a separate meeting to be held shortly.

[Attn. DC/Parking Plaza]

Point No. 7: Facilitation of RMS for export cargo needs to be increased considerably.

Request: Facilitation of RMS for export cargo needs to be increased considerably.

Discussion:- Facilitation of RMS for export cargo is being dealt by Risk Management Division and it is increased as per decision taken by RMD.

[Issue closed]

Point No. 8: Procedure for examination/opening of factory stuffed/self sealed containers in case of instructions in EDI system.

Request:- There is requirement of laying down procedure for examination/opening of factory stuffed/self sealed containers in case of instructions in EDI system.

Discussion:- In case open and examine instructions are given in EDI system for the factory stuffed/self sealed containers, the same is opened and examined as per Public Notice 3/2017 and in case of Hazardous Cargo the procedure prescribed in PN 43/2017 is being followed. The Chairman informed that the EDI/RMS instructions will be followed for examination of such containers as the instructions are given as per risk basis analysis by the Risk Management Division. After hearing the grievances from the Trade in this regard, the Commissioner (General) informed that the issue will be considered and if found appropriate, the procedure prevailing prior to 2014 will be reintroduced, in respect of factory stuffed containers under physical supervision.

[Attn.DC/Parking Plaza]

Point No. 9: Concerns with Electronic Sealing of Containers in terms of Public Notice No. 26/2017 with regard to frozen sea food :-

Request: The trade members informed that examination of cargo would take place at port in ambient conditions which could mean high temperature and dusty dirty conditions. The temperature during summer can exceed 45 degrees Celsius. As one opens the container hot air rushes in. The air would cause condensation affecting the efficiency of the refrigeration unit. In all probability the container would arrive at destination 5 to 10 degrees higher than the stipulated minimum temperature, and this would result in rejection by overseas health authorities. There is also possibility of wind-blown dust as well as insects entering the container. Trade has requested to review procedures and exempt frozen fish products from the examination at port or to continue with old system of sealing containers under supervisions of the officers or any other procedure may be followed.

Discussion:- As per Point No.1.

[Attn. DC/Parking Plaza]

10. The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on **28.12.2017 at 11.30 hrs 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.

11. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
12. 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:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs, NS-I, 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. The Commissioner of Customs (NS-G & IV, II, III, V), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
6. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs (N.S.-Gen, II & IV), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.
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