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**MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**(EXPORT) HELD ON 24.11.2016**

The monthly meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC, Export) was held on 24.11.2016 at 11.30 AM in the Conference Hall at 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House. The meeting was chaired by Shri Shrawan Kumar, Commissioner of Customs, NS-III, Shri Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs, NS-IV, Shri M.R. Mohanty, Commissioner of Customs, NS-II and Shri Vijay Singh Chauhan, Commissioner of Customs, NS-V.

2. The following members of trade attended the meeting:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Names (Smt./Shri/Ms.)</b>	<b>Organization/Association/Designation</b>
1	Ashish Pednekar	BCHAA
2	Omparkash Agrawal	MSWA
3	Subash Rajkumar	MANSA
4	K.S. Shetty	BCHAA
5	Dushyant Mulani	BCHAA
6	Hiren Ruparel	BCHAA
7	Hemant Paresh	BME LTD.
8	Yashwardhan	CFSAI
9	Manish Kumar	MANSA
10	Nimish Desai	WISA
11	Ashok Saini	MANSA
12	Raghav Uchil	AMOTI
13	S. Srinivas	CFSAI
14	Arun Adak	CFSAI
15	Aqueel	GDL CFS
16	Bikarani Singh	GDL CFS
17	Ashok Saini	BCHAA
18	R. Rajasekhar	AMTOI
19	Mohan Nilani	AIIEA
20	Neelesh Datir	ALLBIEA
21	Chetna M Bhadeka	WCBFF

22	Chris Glen	AQUARIUS
23	Roshan Irani	SHY SHIPPING
24	Gaupat Korade	BCHAA
25	Vinayak B Aparaj	BCHAA
26	L.V. Shah	BCHAA
27	Marks Fernandez	
28	Laksha Tadadikar	CFSAI
29	Paresh Shah	WISA
30	Nimesh Desai	WISA
31	Mr. Ganguly	AIWCBA
32	Narendra Singh	AMTOI
33	Prasant Barakar	M.S.WC.

3. The following officers of the 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	Jagdish Sharan	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5	S. C. Ganger	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6	Tapan Kumar	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7	B.S. Mangat	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
8	Vivekanand Rai	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
9	D.S. Rana	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
10	Jambodkar S Kumar	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the members and directed to start the deliberations on the agenda of the meeting. The agenda relating to Import Commissionerate were discussed first, and then following agenda of the Export/General Commissionerates were deliberated upon.

4. The discussion & decision in respect of Agenda of NS-G, NS-II & NS-IV Commissionerates are as under.

#### **OLD POINTS**

##### **Point No.1: To Do away with the mate receipt**

**Background:** Trade raised the issue that Mate Receipt is demanded for passing E.P. Copies. M/s BCHAA had earlier raised the issue vide letter dated 21.07.2016, requesting to do away with requirement of Mate Receipt for passing EP copy.

**Discussion:** Trade was informed that to address the concerns of M/s BCHAA, this Customs House has issued Public Notice No. 150/2016 and Standing Order No. 69/2016 both dated 22.11.2016 which is available on the website of this Customs House.

**(The point was closed)**

**Point No. 2: Charges pertaining to Custodians should be collected by the respective Custodians only:**

**Background:** The Association represented that they had received several instances where the charges pertaining to the CFSs were being collected by a separate 3<sup>rd</sup> party entity (NVOCC / Forwarders), thus, resulting in higher cost, lack of transparency in charging, multiple irrational heads for recovery of charges, delay in clearance of consignments. Trade further submitted that every CFS is accepting such payments through third party

**Discussion:** The issue was discussed in detail and trade was again requested to provide specific details of such instances to the department so that the issue can be examined for further action. **(Attn : M/s BCHAA & CFS Management Cell)**

**Point No.3: Promoting Advance Noting to reduce the Dwell time for clearance:**

Concept Paper prepared by BCHAA which gives analysis for increasing the submission of Advance Noting of import Bill of Entries. In the paper, the problems encountered by trade have been given in details alongwith suggestion. BCHAA has requested to set up a Task Force on urgent basis to remove the impediments for Advance Noting. Trade has submitted comments on draft Circular on Amendments as available on CBEC website.

**Discussion-** BCHAA has represented to CBEC, New Delhi giving the detail process for simplifying the procedure of IGM Amendments. Once Board issues guidelines/instructions, necessary action will be taken in due course. **(Issue closed)**

**Point No.4: LEO directly by Shed Suptd. for RMS Facilitated Shipping Bills**

M/s BCHAA has raised the issue that as being done on the import side, LEO for export Shipping Bills facilitated under RMS should be provided by Shed Suptd./Shed AO directly. At present, after goods registration, one is required to approach the examination officer (EO) and thereafter approach the Shed AO/Supdt for LEO. This is defeating the purpose of RMS facilitation.

**Discussion:** Issue is under examination.

**(Attn : DC/EDI)**

**Point No.5: Centralization of KYC**

KYC is an important requirement to be fulfilled by all stakeholders. However, at present, it is observed that to fulfill the said compliances, each agency is asking for the same multiple times such as shipping lines / NVOCCs / Forwarders etc.

**Request :-** In order to bring uniformity and transparency for compliance of KYC norms trade suggested that KYC Compliance to be carried out in a uniform manner as being done by SEBI on a central system.

**Discussion:** It is clearly mentioned in the Public Notice No. 99/2016 that where transactions between Shipping lines / Containers lines /their agents/ sub agents and the exporters are of a recurring nature and documents collected from exporter / the production of such KYC documents will not be required for similar transactions by the said person/exporters for the succeeding six months. Same KYC norms applies to the import side. Trade requested to put the KYC compliance on the website so that any agency can view the same.

Issue is under examination.

(Attn: AM(X) and M/s AIWCBA)

**Point No.6 : Time of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE system**

M/s BCHAA has raised the issued that timing of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE, as being done in import side.

**Discussion:** Request made by the trade has been accepted by the department that time of LEO generation should be reflected in the ICEGATE system. E-mail has been forwarded to Directorate of System and Data Management, New Delhi for necessary action.

(Attn : EDI, JNCH)

**Point No.7: To facilitate Export Trade, one time permission requested to self-sealing containers**

M/s BCHAA has requested to consider one time permission for sealing of export container's being done at Exporters premises. This will help the export trade considerably.

**Status:** Public Notice No. 159/2016 dated 28.11.2016 issued. (Issue closed)

**NEW POINTS**

**Point No. 1: To effect timely clearance of export and import consignment, cheque payment should be accepted by the service centre for printout of BE and SB to avoid cash transaction. (BCHAA).**

**Request-** In current situation faced on account of demonetization and engagement of bank staff for dispensing the currency note to general public, BCHAA has requested the Customs authority to issue a Facility Notice for acceptance of cheques by the service centre for printout of Bill of Entry and Shipping Bill to avoid cash transaction. They have also enclosed Facility Notice issued by ACC for reference.

**Status:-** Public Notice No. 158/2016 issued. (Issue closed.)

**Point No. 2 - Promoting Advance Noting of Import Bill of Entry (BCHAA)**

**Status** - Discussed in point No. 3 (old points) **(issue closed)**

**Point No. 3: Verification of BG/Certificate on email instead of Fax**

**Request:** BCHAA has requested that verification/confirmation of BG/Certificate issued with Bank/Central Excise/LTU should be done on the Emails as majority of the officers do not have fax facility.

**Status :-** Public Notice No.173/2016 dtd 13.12.2016 and Standing Order No. 78/2016 dtd. 13.12.2016 issued .

**(Issue closed)**

**Point No. 4: Acceptance of cheques and mitigation of labor problems for handling of containers.**

**Request :** BCHAA has requested that their members are facing considerable difficulty in clearance of import/export consignments through various CFSs on account of

- Non acceptance of cheques.
- Cash amount being demanded by labour, Forklift operator, Crane operators for handling of containers.

Thus, they requested that such kind of unwarranted practices at all CFSs must stop immediately as this is having serious detrimental effects for clearance of import/export consignments also. Further, all CFSs must ensure the handling of containers in timely manner by effectively monitoring the situation.

**Status** : - Issue is under examination.

**(Attn : CFS Management Cell)**

**Point No. 5: AIWCBA has requested to discuss issues relating to 24 X7 to get a clear guidelines.**

**Request-** As JNPT Customs comes under 24X7, they would like to know does stuffing of Export cargo at CFS comes under the scope of 24 X 7 or do they need to pay overtime fees for stuffing export container at CFS after 6 pm and on Sundays.

**Discussion:** Representative of AIWCBA pointed out that CFS are asking to pay for Customs for stuffing of goods after 6 PM or on Sunday. In this regard, trade was informed that all the activities are not covered under 24 X 7 and the areas covered under 24 X 7 are to be decided by Board. Issue is under examination.

**[(Attn : Appraising Main(X))]**

5) The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 29.12.2016 at 11.30hrs at Conference Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, JNCH. The Chairpersons requested all the Association Members to forward their agenda points, if any, at least

**05 working days in advance** on Fax No. 022-27241256 or by e-mail to Appraising Main (Exp) Section on [apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in](mailto:apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in) for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

- 7) The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
- 8) This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs NS-IV.

**(Jagdish Sharan)**  
Addl. Commissioner of Customs  
Appraising Main (Export)

**To,**  
All the Members of PTFC by e-mail

**Copy to:-**

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