

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

F. No. S/12-Gen-60/2018-19 AM(X)JNCH

Date: 09.03.2020

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT) HELD ON 27.02.2020.

The PTFC meeting held on 27.02.2020 was chaired by Shri Sunil Kumar Mall, Commissioner of Customs (NS-I &Audit)and Shri R. K. 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/Designati on |
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| 01 | Gaupat P. Kerade | BCBA |
| 02 | Mohan Nihalani | AIIEA |
| 03 | Roshan Irani | AIWCBA |
| 04 | Chetna Badheka | AIWCBA |
| 05 | Paresh K. Thakker | BCBA |
| 06 | Hardik Vaidya | DP World |
| 07 | Ashish Pendekar | MACCIA |
| 08 | AvinashPande | MSWC |
| 09 | C.V Mane | MSWC |
| 10 | V. Narayana | CFSAI |
| 11 | Agnihotri Kamlesh | MSWC |
| 12 | Vinayak B. Aparaj | BCBA |
| 13 | Ashok Saini | BCBA |
| 14 | Maruti R Gadge | BCBA |
| 15 | R.K. Rubin | AMTOI |
| 16 | Paresh K. Thakkar | BCBA |
| 17 | Shankar Shinde | BCBA |
| 18 | Kiran Rambhia | BCBA |
| 19 | Manish Kumar | MANSA |
| 20 | Mrs. Ganguly | AIWCA |
| 21 | V.M Thomas | CSLA |
| 22 | MobinChoudhari | CSLA |
| 23 | Sunil K Vaswani | CSLA |
| 24 | Om Prakash Agarwal | MSWA |
| 25 | Karunakar S. Shetty | BCBA |
| 26 | Ashish Pednekar | MACCIA |
| 27 | Mark S. Fernandes | IMC |
| 28 | Rajendran Nair | AIIEA |
| 29 | Capt. B. Fernande | DPW |
| 30 | FaizSayyed | BMCT |

| 31 | AvinashSatardekar | BMCT |
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| 32 | Prashant Mhatre | APMT GTI |
| 33 | VibhorKachhawa | Punjab Conware |
| 34 | Bikramjit Singh Modi | EFC |
| 35 | Vinay Pathak | A.V. Global |
| 36 | Gunwant M. Taldeokar | Om Fright |
| 37 | NeeleshDatir | AILBIEA |
| 38 | Salim S. | CFSAI |
| 39 | S. Srinivas | CFSAI |
| 40 | Nimish Desai | WISA |
| 41 | Hiren Ruparel | BCBA |
| 42 | Dr K.U. Methekar | FSSAI |
| 43 | Bindu Desai | N.G. Pillai |

Following Officers from the department also attended the meeting:-

| Sr. | Names | Designation |
|-----|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| No. | (Shri/Smt./Ms.) | |
| 1 | K. C. Kala | Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 2 | Kamlesh Kumar Gupta | Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 3 | Rajiv Ranjan | Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 4 | Vijay Manvatkar | Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 5 | T. Arivazaghan | Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 6 | Vishal D. Jorande | Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 7 | Manish Thapaliyal | Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 8 | Saroj Samaiya | Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 9 | Dipin Singla | Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |

2) Shri T. Arivazhagan, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH, Appraising Main (Export), JNCH, started the discussion related to the agenda points of the meeting.

Agenda Points represented by Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association

Point No. 1: <u>Mechanism for strict monitoring of time for issuance of Form 13 by Shipping</u> <u>Lines</u>:-

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association has placed the same agenda point that was deliberated in the PTFC Meeting held on 30.01.2020 wherein it was decided that a meeting between CSLA, BCBA and Customs would be held to resolve the issue regarding timely issuance of Form-13 by Shipping Lines. The meeting has not been conducted and trade is still facing the problem for issuance of Form 13 by Shipping Lines.

FACTS OF THE MATTER:

It was informed by the Commissioner of Customs (General), in the PTFC Meeting held on 30.01.2020, that a separate meeting will be arranged with Shipping Lines & BCBA to discuss the above issue in detail. The meeting could not be arranged as certain data were to be collected by MANSA and also due to non-availability of convenient date. However, efforts would be made to conduct the said meeting at the earliest.

[Action by Appraising Main (X)]

Point No 2: Frequent Breakdown of ICEGATE system:-

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association has placed an agenda point that since the past few days, ICEGATE System is witnessing frequent breakdown, due to which export clearance is getting hampered severely. This has resulted in increase in dwell time for clearance and also the transaction cost. In larger interest of timely clearance of Export shipments, the BCBA has requested to take up this issue with concerned authorities to ensure proper functioning of ICEGATE. BCBA has also requested that there should be some suitable Public Notice giving the SOP for issuance of Manual LEO in such situation if possible as reefer containers having very limited cut off time (i.e. 48 hours before cut off).

FACTS OF THE MATTER:

The stakeholders are requested to raise the issue directly with ICEGATE helpdesk with copy to EDI Section attaching the necessary screenshots / evidences for the team to resolve the problem.

[Point closed]

Point No 3: Slow connectivity and Local System down at Parking Plaza:-

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association has placed an agenda point that processing of Export shipments are affected due to slow connectivity and local system being down at Parking Plaza and therefore have requested to look into the matter for uninterrupted connectivity for processing of export shipments.

FACTS OF THE MATTER:

The terminal operators are requested to take up the issue with appropriate team.

[Point closed]

Point No. 4: 24x7 Assessment, Examination and LEO for Export Cargo:-

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association has placed an agenda point that Timely assessments, 24 x7 examination and LEO examination and LEO facility round the clock is important to meet the connectivity of export containers on designated / scheduled vessels. At present it is experienced that due to delay in Assessment of Export consignments in the evening hours, many Shipping Bills are assessed next day after 11.00 am, thereby leading to congestion in the Parking Plaza. The BCBA has requested that the Shipping Bills may be assessed timely for connectivity of export containers on designated / scheduled vessel which will reduce the dwell time for clearance and also the transaction cost. The BCBA has also informed that there is no officer available for assessment of Shipping Bill on Saturday late hours and Sunday and Holiday full day and hence have made a suggestion to assign the Parking Plaza Officers for this task along with an assessment role in there ID to enable smoother movement of all export bound containers.

FACTS OF THE MATTER:

The designated officers of CEAC Section, JNCH assess the Shipping Bills in real time without any delay. It is further submitted that concerned Officers are directed to remain present in the Office till 2000 hrs. as per weekly / monthly roaster in terms of Office Order No. 01/2017-18 dated 26.03.2018 and thusleaving no pendency in assessment of Shipping Bills at the end of day (till 2000 hrs). The Chair however assured the members that the issue would be examined and necessary instructions would be issued, if required.

[Action by Appraising Main (X)]

Point No 5: Delay in RMS processing of Export Shipments:-

The Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association has placed an agenda point that since last few days it is experienced that there is delay in RMS processing of Export Shipments due to EDI System issue - due to rectification in the RMS module for releasing the Export Shipping Bills on timely basis. BCBA has requested to look into the matter.

FACTS OF THE MATTER:

The stakeholders are requested to kindly share the instances where the delay was observed so that this Section can forward the issue to DG Systems.

[Point closed]

Points by Indian Spice & Food Stuff Exporters Association:-

The Indian Spice & Food Stuff Exporters Association has placed an agenda point that the two Exporter M/s. Parle Agro & M/s. Pankaj Exports are frequently getting container open order even though their name do not figure in the risky exporters list and are getting their IGST refunds.

The exporters have to face many problems when their containers are given containers open order are as below:

i. Funigated & sealed foodstuffs containers are opened and closed without any regard to the contamination the stuffed items will suffer due to such action.

ii. There is no regard to the Sillica Gel which is kept inside the container to absorb the moisture inside the container to avoid quality deterioration during the voyage; the gel is totally rendered useless if the container is opened and kept open for long hours.

iii. Inordinate delays due to open order cause the containers to miss the vessel and in the process the stuffs remain in the container for longer time which is not at all desirable, sometimes the contract / LC expires during this delay.

iv. The cost of exporting goes up which makes our exports not competitive due to avoidable costs. On the one hand we encourage export by offering MIES, transport assistances etc and on the other hand we put unnecessary cost on the goods.

FACTS OF THE MATTER:

The officers posted in Parking Plaza follow the instructions as appearing in the EDI System, which are inserted by RMCC.

[Point closed]

Points by CHEMEXCIL:-

CHEMEXCIL has placed an agenda point that M/s. SupriyaLifescienceLtd.,in relation to Shipping Bill No. 8509740 dated 26.11.2019, has already provided to the Customstherequired documents in the past yet the exporter has received summons from Customs for appearance in person on 17.02.2020.

FACTS OF THE MATTER:

A case of attempt to export over-valued goods by M/s. SupriyaLifescience Ltd. was referred by the officers posted at JWR/CFS to SIIB (X) for further investigation. The summons have been issued in the context of the said investigation. The members may acknowledge that PTFC is not an appropriate forum to discuss individual issues rather it is forum where the collective interest of all stakeholders are discussed.

[Point closed]

The members of the meeting were informed that the next PTFC meeting shall be held on 26th March, 2020 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 10 working days in advance via e-mail to Appraising Main (Export) Section on** apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

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

(RAHUL KUMAR) Deputy 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, NhavaSheva.
- 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 (<u>mzu-dgtps@gov.in</u>).
- 4. The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai.
- 5. All Commissioners of Customs, Zone-II, JNCH, NhavaSheva.
- 6. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs, JNCH, NhavaSheva.
- 7. DC/EDI for uploading on JNCH website.
- 8. Hindi Officer: for translation and issuance of Hindi version.
- 9. Office Copy.