

सीमाशुल्क प्रधान आयुक्त कार्यालय (एन. एस. <u>–1)</u> OFFICE OF THE PR.COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS– <u>1),</u> मुल्यनिरूपण मुख्य (आयात)/APPRAISING MAIN (IMPORT) जवाहरलाल नेहरू सीमाशुल्क भवन/JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, शेवा/SHEVA, तालुका/ TAL-उरण/URAN,: जिला/DISTRICT- रायगड/RAIGAD, महाराष्ट्र/MAHARASHTRA-400707, (ई-मेल/email : appraisingmain@gmail.comदूरभाष/Telephone No: 022-27244979)

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दिनांक 31/05/2021 को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (आयात) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (IMPORT) HELD ON 31.05.2021

The PTFC meeting held through video conference on 31.05.2021 was chaired by Shri U. Niranjan, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), Shri Sanjay Mahendru, Commissioner of Customs (NS-II & General), Shri Rajesh Mishra Commissioner of Customs (NS-V) and Shri Sunil Kumar Mall, Commissioner of Customs (NS-Audit). The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:-

| क्रमसं/. | नाम (सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) | (संगठन/संघ/ पदनाम) |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Sr. No. | Names(S. Shri /Ms./Mrs. |) Organization/Association/Designation |
| 1. | P.G. Rao | JNPT |
| 2. | Rajsekhar | United Phosphorous Ltd. |
| 3. | Hiren Ruparel | BCBA |
| 4. | Manohar Patyane | BCBA |
| 5. | Maruti Gadge | МСМА |
| 6. | Ganpat Korade | BCBA |
| 7. | Umesh Grover | CFSAI |
| 8. | Dushyant Mulani | BCBA |
| 9. | Jacob Thomas | CFSAI |
| 10. | Rekha | CSLA |
| 11. | V.K. Agarwal | Mirc Electronics Ltd. (ONIDA) |
| 12. | Capt. Ram Iyer | MANSA |
| 13. | Manish Kumar | MANSA |
| 14. | V. Rajappan | CDSCO |
| 15. | Shyam | CSLA |
| 16. | Sunil Vaswani | CSLA |
| 17. | Neelesh Datir | AILBIEA |
| 18. | R K Rubin | АМТОІ |
| 19. | Shailendra Penkar | MANSA |
| 20. | Paresh Vaivade | MANSA |
| 21. | Paras Shah | ВСВА |
| 22. | Vinayak Baparaj | ВСВА |
| 23. | Karunakar Shetty | ВСВА |
| 24. | Srinivas Subramanian | CFSAI |
| 25. | Roshan | AWCBA |
| 26. | Capt. Savio N. Carneiro | CSLA |
| 27. | Harsh Lapsia | BCBA |
| 28. | Salim Shiklagar | CFSAI |

| 29. | Arun Adak | CFSAI |
|-----|----------------------|-------|
| 30. | Tej contractor | BCBA |
| 31. | Venkatram Narayanan | CFSAI |
| 32. | Mrs. Ganguly | AWCBA |
| 33. | Sheetal Ahluwalia | АWCBA |
| 34. | Shankar Shinde | FFFAI |
| 35. | Hanif Bakshi | MANSA |
| 36. | Mrs. Ganguly | AWCBA |
| 37. | Avinas Satardekar | ВМСТ |
| 38. | Mark Savio Fernandes | |
| 39. | Sanjay | |
| 40. | Vinay | |
| 41. | Ratan Thakur | |
| 42. | Dr. K.U. Methekar | |
| 43. | Sandeep Tawade | |
| 44. | Shailendra Penkar | |
| 45. | S R | |

विभाग की ओर से निम्नलिखित अधिकारियों ने बैठक में भाग लिया :-

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting :-

| क्रमसं/. Sr.No. | नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names(S. Shri/Ms./Mrs.) | पदनाम Designation |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | Manish Thapliyal | Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 2. | D.M. Tripathi | Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 3. | Raghuram | Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |
| 4. | Safruddin Ahmed | Deputy Commissioner of Customs, JNCH |

3. Shri U. Niranjan, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), started the discussion on the agenda points of the meeting related to the import.

4. <u>कार्यबिन्दु / AGENDA POINTS:</u>

सी.एस.एल.ए. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्दु / Agenda Point raised by CSLA

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 01/Agenda Point 01</u>: Scanning of by rail import ICD Containers – These days some Import ICD rail containers are selected for scanning. In most of the cases containers are selected for D scanning which are required to be taken outside the port area and brought back to the port once the scanning is done after completion of CISF & Scanning department related formalities. Since the D scanner is located outside the port area, the gate in/gate out & arrangement of road transportation is a very complicated process & significantly costly process. The mobile scanners inside the port area at some terminals have become operational since the last few weeks. If import by rail ICD containers (if required) are selected for Mobile Scanner and selected containers are allowed to be scanned at Mobile scanners located at any of the terminals, without any additional customs & CISF permission, then the unnecessary delay & additional cost in arranging all the formalities for D scanner can be avoided. Request JNCH to consider this request to avoid delay in evacuation of containers and save additional costs.

प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:** As per records, there is no increase in the number of ICD rail containers selected for scanning which are transported by Rail and scanned at Drive Through Container Scanner (D Scanner) since its inception from 01.01.2019.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 02/Agenda Point 02</u> : Part clearance of import shipments to be allowed in case of short shipment / transshipment – Due to operational reasons quite often import

containers are offloaded at other Indian ports which are subsequently transshipped by one or more vessels to the destined Indian ports. During the transshipment process, part containers tend to get loaded on one vessel & remaining containers get transshipped on other vessels. On some occasions, part containers get delayed at transshipment ports by 20-30 days. Request JNCH to allow part clearance of import shipments in such delayed transshipment cases.

<u>प्रतिक्रिया/Response</u>: As a Trade facilitation measure, Part delivery of the import consignments is already permitted as per Facility Notice No. 78/2015 dated 09.10.2015. Accordingly, Trade and other stakeholders are advised to follow the instructions as advised in the said Facility Notice. [बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

सी.एफ.एस.ए.आई. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्द/Agenda Point raised by CFSAI

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या **01/Agenda Point 01: Custodian are not getting the E OOC –** As per current practice Custodian verifies the hard copy of the OOC with the ICEGATE System to ensure the authenticity. For the E OOC PDF copy to be made available to the Custodian ICEGATE & CFS IT need to be integrated. Request JNCH to assist Custodian in getting the PDF version of E-OOC. This Point was raised in the last PTFC Meeting by WISA and to make it streamline request JNCH to assist & provide a solution.

<u>प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:**</u> In this regard, Container Freight Stations Association of India (CFSAI) is advised to submit a detailed proposal from CCSP/Docks for getting E OOC PDF Copy to the Custodians. CFSAI is further advised to submit some specific cases so that the issue can be examined and accordingly, the issue will be taken up with DG Systems.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 02/Agenda Point 02: Expediting the decision of Hold containers withheld by Investigating agencies – CFSAI had sensitized this issue in various PTFC & CCFC forums wherein as on date there are approximately 1600 containers withheld by various investigating agencies like SIIB,CIU,AIU,CBI,DRI, Local Customs, Police & other agencies which cannot be disposed of till such time these matters are adjudicated. Over a period of time cargo from these containers gets deteriorated & in many cases the goods loose their commercial value & it becomes practically impossible to dispose of same. Whilst we appreciate JNCH for the recent special drive that was initiated to dispose of the unclaimed un-cleared longstanding cargo, on the Hold containers hardly any development took place. We request JNCH to coordinate with the concerned investigating agencies in expediting the Hold containers.

प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:** An Office order has already been issued vide F. No. SG/Misc-388/2019-20/SIIB(I) JNCH dated 19.11.2020 regarding the consignments/ containers are put on hold by SIIB(I) on the basis of intelligence received or intelligence developed. In the said order, instructions as under are issued to officers.

- a) That such hold consignments/containers are to be examined by SIIB (I) officers under panchnama expeditiously.
- b) That in the cases where investigation is likely to take some time, it may lead to imposition of ground rent charges by CFS and container demurrage charges by shipping line. Therefore, all staff has been sensitized to give importer an option availing facility of Section 49 of the Customs Act, 1962 within 02 working days after examination of goods detained by DC/SIIB (I) without waiting for importer's request letter for such permission.

Further, the disposal process of containers on hold by CIU is being expedited. The Investigation Cell has been directed to verify the present status and to identify cases ripe for disposal. In cases where investigation has been completed, matter is being taken up with Adjudication Cell to know the status of adjudication and where Order-In-Original has been passed, follow up is maintained with the O/o Commissioner (Appeals), CRAC, Centralized Legal Cell etc. to verify the appeal status. In cases where, upon verification, no further action is pending, NOC is issued to the Disposal Section for disposal of the goods.

In case of Containers hold by SIIB (X), most of the containers are of Red Sanders and majority of them were put on hold by DRI. Since, the cargo itself is extremely sensitive and prone to theft and smuggling, it was found difficult for open storage of the same. In spite of that, officers are making their best efforts and coordinating with DRI for releasing the containers at the earliest.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

बी.सी.बी.ए. के द्वारा उठाया गया कार्यबिन्द्/Agenda Point raised by BCBA

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 01/Agenda Point 01</u>: Cancellation of Bond BG: Bill of Entry which are assessed provisionally pending TR, since samples are now digitalised members can view on JNCH

through QR code, Cancellation of bank guarantee is again a manual process. Members have to write a letter to Group DC and same is marked to Group AO.

सुझाव**/Suggestion:** Since reports are uploaded by DYCC / physically sent, members can approach to any Group AO for cancellation of Bond BG. We refer to PN No 153/2020 whereas, Chartered engineer permission and drawal of samples are permitted by Shed AO only.

प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:** Bill of entry which have been provisionally assessed are finalized on the basis of test reports available in the ICES System and Bond & BG, if available with Group, are cancelled accordingly. Further, the Group does not ask for any Bank Guarantee against TR. Cancellation of Bond is done immediately once Bill of Entry assessed finally.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 02/Agenda Point 02</u>: DFIA licence attracting 100 % BG : We have received feedback from members that few consignments covered under DFIA licences are attracting 100% BG due to that members are facing difficulties to recall and amend the same.

सुझाव/Suggestion: We request that at the time of registration of licence, provisional check list may be given to customs broker for verification / confirmation of registration are correct this if in order same may be registered after confirmation from broker.

प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:** Trade is advised to submit some specific cases so that the issue can be examined and accordingly, the issue will be taken up with DG Systems.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 03/Agenda Point 03: ICES Advisory 46/2020: Para 4.2 Automatic Re-allocation of Bill of Entry pending with inactive IDs. Instances have been noticed where the BEs processed by a FAG officer come back to her / his ID after query reply, for reassessment etc. while the officer is either on long leave or has got transferred in the meantime. This automatic re-allocation of Bill of Entry is not happening. Members have to approach Group DC for change of IDs.

प्रतिक्रिया /**Response:** In this regard, automatic remapping probably not possible and the AC/DC in charge of the group has to inform the EDI to Demap/remove the charges/mapping of the officer on long leave, so that the automatic routing of the B/Es stuck on officer ID functions effectively. Hence, the AC/DC (Groups) are being sensitised on this aspect and they are further sensitised that Bills of Entry also be reallocated to officer on duty from inactive officer's ID from VDC/VDN role.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु संख्या 04/Agenda Point 04:</u> ICES Advisory 45/2020 Para 2.1: As per Advisory, facility has been created to mention previous BE at the time of filing BE and officer can view the same for assessment. Despite of mentioning previous BE numbers, orders are been given to upload 05 BE of previous consignments.

सुझाव/Suggestion: We request you to kindly issue an advisory for the same.

प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:** When details of past bill of entry are available in ICES System, importers are not insisted to upload the same on E-Sanchit. Previous Bills of Entry are not visible in many cases. For example, Bills of entry related to other ports can't be seen. Officers will be sensitized for not insisting to upload the previous BEs, if they are of the Nhava Sheva port.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

<u>कार्यबिन्दु</u> संख्या **05/Agenda Point 05:** Faceless Issues: Still the members are facing the following issues in faceless assessments;(a)Delay is assessments in FAG.

सुझाव **/Suggestion**: We request that Bill of Entry may be automatically recalled at PAG for Assessment. This will save dwell time and clearances will be soon.

प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:** The existing instructions on FAG assessment will not allow automatic recalling of BEs. However, If there is delay, the importer may approach to TSK, JNCH as per Public Notice No. 132/2020 dated 13.10.2020.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

कार्यबिन्दु संख्या O6/Agenda Point O6: Shipping Line service to available on weekends, Saturday and holidays. : To ensure smoother clearances, we request empty letter and DO be issued on weekends, Saturday and holidays.

<u>प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:**</u> BCBA is advised to share some specific instances with CSLA and resolve the issue.

[बिन्दु समाप्त/Point Closed]

5. The members of the meeting were informed that the date and mode of conducting next PTFC meeting shall be informed well in advance. All the Association members were requested to forward their agenda points, if any, at least 07 working days in advance by e-mail to Appraising Main (Import) Section on <u>appraisingmain.jnch@gov.in</u> for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

- **6.** The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.
- 7. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-I.
- **8.** Minutes are placed on JNCH website and also being sent through emails to the members.

Sd/-

(सफरुद्दीन अहमद /Safruddin Ahmed) सहायक आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क /Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, मूल्यनिरूपण मुख्य(आयात)/Appraising Main (I), जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा/ JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

सेवा में /To,

पीटीएफसी के सभी सदस्यों को ई मेल के माध्यमसे /All the Members of PTFC(through email) प्रतिलिपि/**Copy to :**(ई मेल के माध्यम से)

- 1) मुख्य आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क, मुंबई अंचल-II/Chief Commissioner of Customs, MUM Zone-II;
- 2) प्रधान अपर महा निदेशक, करदाता सेवा महानिदेशालय, मुंबई/The Principal Add. Director General, Directorate General of Tax Payers Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit, room No 138/139, New Custom House, Mumbai-400001(mzu-dgtps@gov.in);
- 3) लोकपाल , अप्रत्यक्ष कर, मुंबई/The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai;
- 4) सीमाशुल्क आयुक्त, मुंबई अंचल-II/ Commissioner of Customs,MUM Zone-II;
- 5) सभी अपर/संयुक्त आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा /All ADCs/JCs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
- 6) सभी उप/सहा.आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा /All DCs/ACs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
- 7) सहा/उप आयुक्त, ईडीआई, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवाको अविलंब वैबसाइट में अपलोड करने के लिए/AC/DC, EDI, JNCH, Nhava Sheva, for uploading in JNCH website;
- 8) कार्यालय प्रति/Office Copy.