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 MUMBAI CUSTOMS ZONE-II, APPRAISING MAIN (EXPORT),
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
 PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT)
 HELD ON 26.03.2021 AT 12:30 P.M. AT
 JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, MUMBAI CUSTOMS ZONE - II.**

The monthly meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (P.T.F.C.) meeting for Exports was held, through video conferencing, on 26.03.2021 at 12:30 P.M. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sunil Kumar Mall, Commissioner of Customs (NS-Audit) holding the additional charge as Commissioner of Customs (NS-Gen & NS-II) and was attended by the Customs Officers as mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Officer	Designation
1	Shri Manish Thapliyal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
2	Shri Raguram K.	Joint Commissioner of Customs

The following representatives from the stakeholder Organizations attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Names(Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Organization/Association/Designation
1.	P.G. Rao	JNPT
2.	Rajsekhar	United Phosphorous Ltd.
3.	Nimish Desai	WISA
4.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
5.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
6.	Maruti Gadge	MCMA
7.	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
8.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
9.	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
10.	Jacob Thomas	CFSAI
11.	Rekha	CSLA
12.	Paresh Thakkar	BCBA
13.	V.K. Agarwal	Mirc Electronics Ltd. (ONIDA)
14.	Capt. Ram Iyer	MANSNA
15.	Manish Kumar	MANSNA
16.	V. Rajappan	CDSCO
17.	Shyam	CSLA
18.	Paresh	J.M. Baxi & Co

19.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
20.	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
21.	R K Rubin	AMTOI
22.	Shailendra Penkar	MANSA
23.	Paresh Vaivade	MANSA
25.	Shankar Shinde	FFFAI
26.	Paras Shah	BCBA
27.	Bakshi Md Hanif	MANSA
28.	Vinayak Baparaj	BCBA
29.	Vasant	-
30.	Salim	-
31.	Prashant Satish Mhatre	-
32.	Atul Jahagirdar	-
33.	Karunakar Shetty	-
34.	Jeetendra	-
35.	Mark Savio Fernandes	-
36.	Capt. Rakesh Prashad	-
37.	Srinivas Subramanian Sрни	-

3. The Chairperson welcomed all the members of the trade and after introductory talk asked Shri Raguram K., Joint Commissioner of Customs, J.N.C.H. to take up the agenda points for discussion. The following agenda points were taken up for discussion:

Agenda points received from Container Shipping Lines Association (India) – (CSLA)

Agenda Point No.1 - National Container Bond:

C.S.L.A. has placed an agenda point that there are shipping lines/feeder operators who only operate vessels. They don't have their own containers. Containers of other shipping lines are loaded on their vessels. Request clarification on whether they too will need to apply for the National Container Bond. As per the SCMT structure, the shipping line bond number is required to be updated by the vessel operator in the vessel section of the SCMT file. (At the previous two PTFC meetings, the Commissioner of Customs, Shri Sanjay Mahendru was kind enough to say that the above point would be checked and reverted upon. The rest of the queries too would be addressed by CBIC & an SOP released shortly. There would be just one National Bond applicable countrywide from 1/4/21 and hence all the lines would need to apply for the National Container Bond. However, feedback / SOP yet to be received from Customs / CBIC in the matter).

Reply: On permission of the Chair, Shri Raguram K., Joint Commissioner of Customs stated that as per the Board's Circular No. 31/2005-Cus dated 25.07.2005 with regard to Containers and Containerized and Containerized cargo, National Container Bond should be executed by Shipping Lines, Non Vessel Owning Common Carrier (NVOCC), Steamer Agents and their authorized representatives. Feeder Operators / Shipping Lines who only

operate vessels can quote the Container (CG) Bond Numbers of the respective Shipping Lines. As per the SCMT structure shipping line Bond Number is required to be updated by the Vessel Operator. As one National Container Bond is applicable countrywide w.e.f. 01.04.2021, hence all the Shipping Lines are required to apply for one National Container Bond. Joint Commissioner urged the shipping lines Associations to request their members (shipping lines) to submit National Container Bond.

Shri Manish Kumar (MANSA) sought for clarification with regard to issues where one agent is handling multiple Principle Lines and are having multiple Bond numbers, however, in SCMT, there is no provision for having multiple Bond Numbers against one PAN Number and also how extension will be given in respect of old containers by the electronic system.

Shri Raguram K., Jt. Commissioner, replied that on the issue of multiple Bond Numbers, the Department is still awaiting for clarification, the suggestions received in this regards from the Shipping Lines from all over the country have been forwarded to the DG (Systems) and as per the latest update, they are in the process of issuing an advisory in this regard shortly. As regards the extension to the old containers, the customization sought by the shipping lines in the Module, the same have been noted by the DG (Systems) and have assured that these customizations will be built into the module in due course.

[Action: DC/SCMT & DC/EDI]

Agenda Point No.2 - EDI Shipping Bills From Customs To Shipping Lines:

- a) Electronic PDF Shipping bill & e-gate pass document must be issued instantly, preferably it should be issued within 15-20 minutes only.

Reply: The above issue appears to be related to delayed message exchange from Customs to Exporter through ICEGATE. The issue can be taken up with the DG (Systems) after detailed proposal is received. If possible some screen shots / sample shipping bills may also be attached with the proposal.

[Action: CSLA]

- b) A provision should be made to share Electronic PDF Shipping bill & e-gate pass data with shipping lines through EDI file in order to make this process complete paperless and faceless. The EDI sharing of shipping bill data with shipping lines will reduce 100% EGM errors and expedite IGST refund process as well.

Reply: Currently, data is being shared with the CFSs. As regards sharing the data with the shipping lines, it is a matter of policy decision. As of now in the Bill of Entry or the Shipping Bills there is no field which captures shipping line information. Therefore, as of now this request cannot be accommodated unless policy provisions are changed accordingly.

[Point Closed]

- c) Manual print out of electronic PDF shipping bill / Gate pass document should not be allowed in normal cases when customs online system is working perfectly.

Reply: As regards, the manual print out of electronic PDF shipping bill, the same issue was raised in the CCFC meeting. A separate working group is looking into the issue.

[Point Closed]

Agenda Point No. 3 – SCMT:

CSLA have expressed their thanks to DG Systems & JNCH for organising the Webinar on 05th March 2021 wherein Mr. Kshitij Jain made a presentation and promised to revert to CSLA on its queries by 04th March 2021 which they are still awaiting.

Reply: This is to inform that Shri Kshitij Jain has already clarified most of the points via e-mail dated 19.03.2021 in the matter to CSLA. The remaining points will be clarified soon particularly regarding the SAM testing, raised during the webinar, wherein it was brought to notice that a lot of errors are coming up.

[Point Closed]

Agenda points received from Brihanmumbai Customs Brokers Association – (BCBA)

Agenda Point No.1 - Movement of CEAC to CPP:

BCBA has requested to move the other stakeholders such as CEAC, PGA's etc. to the CPP for faster clearances of Export Shipments.

Reply: The CEAC has been provided with sitting arrangements at C.P.P. and would be asked to move to C.P.P. soon.

[Action: DC/CHS]

Agenda Point No. 2 - Facilities for Custom Brokers to be created in the Centralized Parking Plaza (C.P.P.):

BCBA refers to the discussion had in the PTFC meeting held on 26.11.2020 regarding the need for proper infrastructure and support system that are essential at the newly created facility of Centralized Parking Plaza. Since more than 90% of the clearance work is being carried out by our members at JNPT, and in the quest of Ease of Doing Business, and to ensure that turnaround time of clearance is fastest at JNPT, we request your goodself to consider atleast to start below 2 facilities to begin with for the Custom Brokers at the Centralised Parking Plaza:

- (a) Proper sitting space for Custom Brokers to carry on their work with better efficiency
- (b) Service centres facility with Xerox, email etc.

Reply: It is submitted that the Centralized Parking Plaza (C.P.P.) is owned and managed by the J.N.P.T. Therefore, the request for space and other facilities can be taken up with J.N.P.T. At the same time this office too would take up with the J.N.P.T. Authorities for providing facilities to the Customs Brokers.

[Action: DC/CHS]

Agenda Point No. 3 - Delay in generation of electronic copy of Shipping Bill after LEO:

BCBA submits that the Public Notice No. 74 / 2020 specifies process of receipt of electronic copies of Shipping Bills & Gate Pass from ICEGATE. However, there is a delay in receipt of the email from the time of LEO (and sometime the emails are not received) and hence we request to create a provision to download the Shipping Copies from ICEGATE.

Reply: The issue appears to be related to delayed message exchange from Customs to Exporter through ICEGATE. The issue can be taken up with the DG (Systems) after a detailed proposal is received. If possible, some screen shots / sample shipping bills may also be attached with the proposal.

[Action: BCBA]

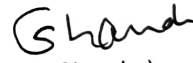
4) In addition to the above points, Shri Paras Shah of BCBA, with the permission of the Chair, requested to install Kiosks in C.P.P., which would help in checking the status of shipping bills and would help clearance of the cargo.

Reply: Shri Raguram K., Joint Commissioner of Customs, assured the members that the issue of installations of Kiosks in C.P.P. would be examined.

[Action: DC/EDI]

As there were no further points for discussion, the Chairperson concluded the meeting and appreciated all the members for their active participation. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

This is issued with the approval of Commissioner of Customs, NS-General & NS-II Commissionerate.



(Subhash Chandra)
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Appraising Main (Export)

To

All the Members of PTFC (through email)

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