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MINUTES FOR THE P.T.F.C. (EXPORT) MEETING HELD ON 29.11.2021

The PTFC meeting held through video conference on 29.11.2021 at 03.30 PM was chaired by **Shri U. Niranjana**, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), **Shri. N V Kulkarni**, Commissioner of Customs (NS-II & III), **Shri Istikhar Baig**, Commissioner of Customs (NS-Gen & Audit) and **Shri. D.S. Garbyal**, Commissioner of Customs (NS-V). The meeting was attended by the following members/participants of trade:-

क्रमसं./ Sr. No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names(S. Shri /Ms./Mrs.)	(संगठन/संघ/ पदनाम) Organization/Association/Designation
1.	Ganpat Korade	BCBA
2.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
3.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
4.	Maruti Gadge	BCBA
5.	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
6.	Manish Kumar	CSLA
7.	V. Rajappan	CDSCO
8.	Vinayak Baparaj	BCBA
9.	Paresh Thakkar	BCBA
10.	Rahul V Bhojani	BCBA
11.	Nimish Desai	WISA
12.	Neelesh Datir	AILBIEA
13.	Mrs. Ganguly	AWCBA
14.	Rekha	CSLA
15.	Paresh Shah	WISA
16.	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
17.	V.K. Agarwal	Mirc Electronics Ltd. (ONIDA)
18.	Subhash Rajkumar	CSLA
19.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
20.	Sunil Vasvani	Executive Director, CSLA
21.	R K Rubin	AMTOI
22.	Karunakar Shetty	BCBA
23.	Paresh Vaivade	MANSA
24.	Shailendra Penkar	MANSA
25.	Aashish	
26.	Mark S Fernandes	IMC Chambers of Commerce and Industry
27.	Venkat	
28.	Kalpesh Jadhav	

29.	Rajshekhar R	
30.	Atul Jahagirdar	
31.	Bakshi Md. Hanif	CSLA
32.	Capt. Jasbir Singh	CSLA
33.	Capt. Savio	CSLA
34.	Avanti Prajapati	CSLA
35.	Ganpat	
36.	HARINDRAN K V	
37.	Jude Fernandes	
38.	Navneet Kadu	
39.	Nirav Thakker	BCBA
40.	Nishit Joshi	
41.	Pankaj Kharpatil	
42.	Rajesh Patil	
43.	ROSHAN	
44.	Sharad kumar Meshram	
45.	Sorab P. Engineer	BCBA
46.	Vasant T	
47.	Vinay Thakur	BMCT

2. Following Officers from the department attended the meeting:-

क्रमसं./ Sr.No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names(S. Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	पदनाम Designation
1.	S. K. H. Meshram	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
2.	Hemlata Rai	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
3.	Raguram K	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
4.	Dinbandhu Diwakar	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
5.	Suresh Merugu	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
6.	V Ramanadha Reddy	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
7.	Ravindra S Bhati	Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH

3. Shri Raguram K, Joint Commissioner of Customs, JNCH started the discussion on the agenda points of the meeting related to the General & Export Commissionerate.

A. GENERAL COMMISSIONERATE:

(I) Agenda points proposed by Container Shipping Lines Association (India) (CSLA):

(1) SCMTR Implementation date to be extended till technical issues are resolved and all logics are successfully tested:

We have been sharing SCMT filing related difficulties since the last several months with DG Systems / CBIC / JNCH. However, the issues still remain unresolved because of no response from DG System/CBIC team. Shipping lines/agents are unable to test export/import logics required for filing of Sea arrival manifest/Sea departure manifest. It is requested that these issues be kindly addressed on priority & a response sent to CSLA in the matter.

REPLY:- It is informed that the implementation date of SCMTR is a policy decision and the Board office/ DG Systems is the proper authority regarding the same.

Further, it is informed that this office has escalated the various issues faced by CSLA/MANSA in implementation of SCMTR by pursuing with DG Systems.

(2) Container Seal Details: This is with reference to the attached advisory dated the 5th of Nov 2021 from APMT (*This is to advise you that import containers discharged with seal missing, tampered or with number mismatch from the pick-up ticket shall be put on hold. Such containers shall be released for delivery only after due clearance from JNCH*) & CSLA's response of the 11th of Nov 2021. JNCH is requested to please have this issue resolved as per CSLA's recommendations of the 11th of Nov 2021 as APMT's advisory is impractical & will only cause delays in making the containers eventually available for Exports which the country can ill afford. While on the one hand, the shipping lines are repositioning empty containers into the country at a huge cost to help the export trade, on the other, advisories such as the one issued by APMT only delays the process & eventually hampers the country's exports.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that this office will issue a advisory/PN on this issue shortly.

(II) Agenda points proposed by IMC, Chamber of Commerce and Industry :

(1) Weighment charges by CFSs:

In light of the Public Notice from Customs mandating weighing of import containers, all CFS at JNCH have unilaterally started to recover weighment charges on all import containers handled. The charges range as high as Rs. 1500/- per container. As given to understand annually the CFS's handle around 3 million TEUs, imagine the loss that has to be borne by the Trade. The recovery is totally illegal and an abuse of the PN issued by the Customs, under which pretext they seek justification.

It is humbly requested that this extortion, must be immediately stopped, in order to reduced handling and transaction cost at JN port.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that as per Board Circular it is mandatory that each container has to be weighed. Further, Chair stated that services provided by the Container Freight Stations (CFSs) are totally commercial dealing between CFS and Importers/Exporters. Furthermore, the chair suggested that trade should negotiate with CFS regarding the charges for services provided by them.

(II) Agenda points proposed by Maritime Association of Nationwide Shipping Agencies- India (MANSA):

(1) Resealing of Import Containers at Terminal before shifting to CFS allotted:

In this connection MANSA has appealed to JNCH with regards to an unwarranted practice introduced at GTI NS newly and requested to stop it for the Sake of EODB. As per latest advisory from GTI terminals, it is said Containers discharged with seal missing, tampered or with number mismatch from the pick-up ticket shall be put on hold. Such containers shall be released for delivery only after due clearance from Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House. This unwarranted practice will only create undue difficulty, delay in movement / clearance of Containers and additional Cost to the Trade, at a time when the Govt. is trying to reduce the cost by all means.

We also note that no other Terminal is insisting such compliance which is obviously against the EODB and cause avoidable harassment to the Trade and all. It is the practice currently followed at NSA by all port terminals that Gate- out EIR report is incorporated with new seal number. Respective customs officer (gate or CFS) verifies gateway terminal EIR copy for seal verification.

The practice to intimate customs in person for permission etc. for changing seal has been discontinued since long. At this stage of Digital India era for the sake of EODB neither it is advisable in the present regime of transformation to go backwards. There is absolutely no reason to create any doubts and apprehensions after successful implementation of current practice for years and now for its continuation.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that this office will issue an advisory/PN on this issue shortly.

(III) Agenda points proposed by Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA):

(1) Examination Centre in CPP :

Presently all export containers are taken to CFS for examination thereby leading to delay in clearance. In view of endeavour of Govt. of India and to reduce the dwell time for clearance. The point was already taken up in the last PTFC meeting. We request you to kindly call for a joint meeting with the concerned stakeholders for progress of the same in the larger interest of trade.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that Bhumi Pujan has already been done by the hon'ble Finance Minister on 25.11.2021. The same will be operational after completion of all necessary infrastructure.

(2) Non-compliance of PN No.01/2017 by NVOCC / Freight Forwarders / Shipping Lines:-

We have already taken up this issue in the PTFC meeting and discussed in length with the stake holders. It has been brought to the notice that Shipping Lines / NVOCC's / Freight Forwarders are insisting for many documents like Deposit, Original BL, Advance intimation of more than 10 – 12 days, which is not required as per PN issued in this regards. As per PN only, intimation is required for before 72 hrs. We request Customs to kindly instruct Shipping Lines / NVOCC / Freight Forwarders to follow JN PN No.01/2017 diligently.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that the point is not specific to any particular Shipping line. If any stakeholder is having difficulty in this regard he/she may forward his grievance in the form of written submission against NVOCC/Freight Forwarders/Shipping line with necessary documents, so the adequate action may be taken.

(3) Inadequate infrastructure and lack of basic amenities and facilities at Punjab Conware CFS:-

The endeavour of Govt. of India is to ensure timely clearance of import export cargo so that our country's 39th rank in Ease of Doing Business improves. However, the present working and status of Punjab CFS is contrary to the said endeavour.

- Lack of handling equipment such as forklift, kalmar and inadequate manpower for loading of cargo which cause the huge delay in delivery of container and cargo.
- No proper restroom and drinking facility. The available facilities which are very pathetic and health hazard.
- Improper seating arrangement.
- No facility for charging of mobile/cell phones.
- There is no update of customs officers name and contact numbers on the notice board

We request your intervention to instruct Punjab CFS Authorities to immediately augment their manpower situation and basic facilities.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that a letter has been issued to the concerned CFS to take necessary action. The follow-up will be taken after 15 days.

(4) Delay in verification of seals at CPP hampering export clearances

As per the existing process, all containers which enter the centralised Parking Plaza are required to have their RFID seals read and verified. Based on vessel position, there is excess volume at some gates due to which there is a delay in the seal verification process. Till the seal reading process is automatised, we request to allot adequate manpower for each gate or allow movement of manpower between gates based on workload.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that all the gates at CPP manned by officers 24x7 and posting of officers for movement between the gates is not feasible at this moment of acute shortage of officers. Further, the suggestion of implementation of universal RFID reader at all gates, the Chair appreciated the suggestion and assured that the matter will be taken up with the higher authorities.

(5) EGM error

Please be informed that export incentives are on hold due to EGM errors in Shipping Bills. We have already submitted a data for some sample shipping bills. WE request to initiate a drive to clear the pending EGM errors in larger interest of Export Trade at JN Customs.

REPLY:- The Chair Stated that EGM errors are being resolved on regular basis and in case of any discrepancy noticed the same is conveyed to the concerned party in person or through e-mail for procuring necessary documents for its completion.

B. EXPORT COMMISSIONERATE:

(I) Agenda points proposed by Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA):

(1) Delay in receipt of electronic copy of Shipping Bills

We would like to bring to your kind notice that since last few days, there is a delay in receipt of electronic copy of shipping bills & gate pass. Due to the delay, Custom Brokers have to resort to taking physical print out of the shipping bills, which not only leads to increased process time but also an increase in transaction cost. We refer to our discussion in PTFC meeting held in March, 2021 & June 2021 on the same and we request to create a provision to download the shipping Copies from ICEGATE as soon as LEO is granted. We request you to kindly intervene in the matter to resolve the issue at the earliest and also request you to address the issue with concerned authorities so that the electronic copies of Shipping Bills are available on timely basis.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that the issue has been flagged to ICEGATE/Saksham Seva through e-mail dated 18.11.2021 for providing proper solution.

(2) Permission for the advance registration of First time importers / exporters:

As per the current practice of registration of first time imports, live B/E or S/B is required, which is delayed the clearance, resulting detention and demurrages for the trade. As per the earlier PTFC meeting we have requested to allow the same in advance registration before arrival of the goods. We hereby request to same has been implemented and other ports registration also to be permitted for the same. The suitable necessary instruction or P.N. to be issued.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that the said matter will be examined by this office and necessary steps regarding online submission of documents for advance registration would be taken after consultation with the DG System.

(II) Agenda points proposed by Container Shipping Lines Association (India) (CSLA):

(1) Sharing of EDI Shipping Bill data with shipping lines/agents -

At the PTFC meeting held on 28th Oct 2021 & the ones prior to that, CSLA had brought to the kind attention of the Commissioner that the shipping lines had not been getting shipping bill data directly from the customs system. Hence the shipping lines had to collect the data & update the same in their system manually for EGM filing purposes which quite often lead to EGM errors. The Commissioner was kind enough to advise CSLA to make a separate representation in the matter which CSLA did yet again on the 8th of Nov 2021. The same is attached for your ready reference. Feedback on the same would be deeply appreciated.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that this matter has already been raised to ICEGATE/Saksham Seva. The reply is still awaited. The reminder e-mail dated 20.11.2021 has also been sent. As discussed, the detailed representation for onward submission to DG System is still awaited from CSLA.

Agenda points proposed by Maritime Association of Nationwide Shipping Agencies-India (MANSA):**(1) Restoration of working at CFS 24X7:**

It is observed that most of the EXIM trade members are now endeavouring to work as per normal working hours daily after restoration of normalcy due to stoppage of Lockdowns imposed during COVID earlier all over. At this juncture can it be possible for Customs Authorities to keep operations open at all CFS till midnight without Custom OT. Kindly examine.

REPLY:- The Chair stated that the prescribed charges for OT are being collected.

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


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To -

All the Members of PTFC (through email)

Copy to (through email):

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2. 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 (mzu-dgtps@gov.in).
3. The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai.
4. All Commissioners of Customs, Zone-II, JNCH, Sheva.
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