

**OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (NS-II)**

MUMBAI CUSTOMS ZONE-II, APPRAISING MAIN (EXPORT),

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA,

TALUKA: URAN, DISTRICT RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA-400707.

**E-Mail: [apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in](mailto:apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in)****S/12-Gen-60/2018-19-AM(X)-Part-II****Date: .06.2021****MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT) HELD AT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE ON 31.05.2021.**

The P.T.F.C. meeting was held on 31.05.2021 was chaired by Shri U. Niranjan, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (NS-I), Shri. S. K. Vimalnathan, Pr. Commissioner of Customs(NS-III) and Shri S. Mahendru, Commissioner of Customs (NS-II & NS- General).

2. The meeting was attended by the following Members of the trade:

क्रमसं./ Sr. No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names(S. Shri /Ms./Mrs.)	(संगठन/संघ/ पदनाम) Organization/Association/Designation
1.	P.G. Rao	JNPT
2.	Rajsekhar	United Phosphorous Ltd.
3.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
4.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
5.	Maruti Gadge	MCMA
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	AMTOI
19.	Shailendra Penkar	MANSA
20.	Paresh Valvade	MANSA
21.	Paras Shah	BCBA
22.	Vinayak Baparaj	BCBA
23.	Karunakar Shetty	BCBA
24.	Srinivas Subramanian	CFSAI
25.	Roshan	AWCBA
26.	Capt. Savio N Carneiro	CSLA
27.	Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
28.	Salim Siklagar	CFSAI

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

The following officer from the Department attended the meeting:

<b>Sr.No.</b>	<b>Name of the officer</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1	S.K.H. Meshram	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
2.	Manish Thapliyal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
3.	Pandurang Chate	Jt. Commissioner of Customs
4.	Ajit Dan	Jt. Commissioner of Customs
5.	Raghuram K.	Jt. Commissioner of Customs

### **Agenda points proposed by Container Shipping Lines Association (India) – (CSLA)**

1) **SCMT implementation to be extended till all messages functionalities become operational and filed successfully by all concerned stakeholders:**

There are many SCMT scenarios which are not getting accepted/not yet operational. The LCL shipments, Empty containers, Haz. shipments, many HS Codes, SDM & SDN messages errors etc are still getting rejected by the system. This has been reported to DG Systems & nodal offices by our member lines on many occasions but there has been no positive response as yet in the last two months. The export scenario, CSN/SAM/SDM amendment etc. have not yet been tested. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SAM/SDM filing and 1<sup>st</sup> SAM filing with CSN reference number is not getting accepted. The system is giving an unexpected error which is not relevant to the respective message filing. ICD arrival/departure manifest filing is not relevant by the ICD carrier. In view of the above, DG System/CBIC ay kindly be requested to extend the implementation date until all the issues are resolved and SCMT messages are filed smoothly by all the stakeholders.

**Reply:** The chair replied that this is a policy matter. Board is well aware of the situation. The Board will take an appropriate decision in this regard.

Mr Manish Kumar from MANSA requested to put up their point of view and stated that they accept that this is a Policy issue and could be resolved by CBIC only. The implementation date is extended up to 31.05.2021 and in reality even CBIC is not in a position to *implement all*

message functionalities. Since all message functionalities are not operational and even if it is implemented, that will not be filed from tomorrow onwards. Our submission is that this feedback shall be shared with CBIC and policy makers. We request them to extend the date till all the messages functionality become operational.

The chair replied that Board has given enough time for the implementation. As per direction, as for now this is going to be implemented from tomorrow.

Mr Sunil Vaswani from CSLA intervened and stated that It is not correct that shipping lines are not ready for this, in fact CBIC itself is not ready and not been able to functionalize all messages and this is what we want to put across. We request you to convey this message to CBIC that we are in fact ready for them to operationalize all this, they need to get this thing done to make it work.

CFSAI responded and stated that CFSAI has the same view. CSFAI have written letter to JNCH custom and CBIC telling them that functionalities are not operational.

The chair responded that as far as the CFSAI messages filed by the custodian are concerned, they are largely all functional. This is basically a call which has to be taken by Ministry and not by JNCH custom.

MANSA representative requested for a requirement of an effective Help Desk, so that all the teething issues can be resolved timely.

The chair responded that Help desk existing in JNCH is coordinating well and quite effectively handling all the issues.

## **2) Port clearance permission to be issued electronically as per JNCH PN 67/2020:**

Although JNCH PN 67/2020 is already in place in this boarding department/preventive office department at JNCH is unable to issue port clearance permission as per the new process. The access JNCH who is presently allotting PC number through the manual register and approved port clearance permission should be communicated to specific timeline on the same email through which application is submitted. JNCH is requested to issue SOP in this regard to implement the may please be continued till the new process is streamlined.

**Reply:** The chair responded that E-mail id has already been updated and E-mail is now functional, so start using this facility, so that we can have Port Clearance permission electronically. This facility is updated on the website. In case you are facing any problem, get in touch with the officers, so that it can be resolved immediately.

## **3) 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.

b) A provision should be made to share Electronics PDF Shipping bill & e-gate pass data with shipping lines will reduce 100% EGM errors and expedite IGST refund process as well.

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.

This point was taken up at the last PTFC meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021, wherein JNCH promised to take this matter up with DG Systems. At the last PTFC Meeting held on April 2021, wherein it was stated that the matter had already being taken up with DG Systems & that JNCH would revert as soon as feedback was received from DG/Systems.

**Reply :** The chair responded that the issue is already taken up with DG/Systems and we are awaiting response from DG/System , whether the shipping lines will get the PDF copy of

Shipping Bill . JNCH custom will again address the issue with DG/Systems and request them to expedite the matter.

Mr Sunil Vaswani from CSLA raised an agenda point pending on an update of shipping bill and stated that they have already send an e mail and clarifies that they are still getting reminders that shipping bill details are required, but at the ICD they are not getting updated by the concerned customers, that should be updated before train departs. This should be taken up with concerned ICD.

The chair responded that they will take up the issue and ask the EGM coordination cell to take this issue with all concerned ICD's.

## **Agenda points proposed by Brihanmumbai Customs Brokers Association – (BCBA)**

### **4) Implementation of CIM as per PN 45/2019:**

Trade is not currently ready with infrastructure for CIM filing. We seek a fresh advisory to be issued along with technical details and implementation details. We also suggest to arrange an interactive session with concerned stakeholders for smooth implementation of the same.

**Reply:** The chair responded that CIM filing require a vendor and BCBA has been repeatedly been asked for last six months to at least submit the data for ten exporters. They have not been able to do it. I request BCBA to set their house in order so that we can be in line for CIM implementation. The delay in this regard has to be addressed by BCBA. BCBA representative requested for the fresh advisory come than they will be able to push trade better. The Chair responded positively to the request.

### **5) Updation of CIN Number of Shipping Bill Print Outs:**

As mandated by SCMTR the CIN number has to be given to the Shipping Lines for filing of EGM/Completion of the formalities. The CIN number is currently available on ICEGATE website and we request for the same to be printed on the Shipping Bill so that the same is available to the Shipping Lines and other authorities.

**Reply:** The chair responded that this is a matter they are taking up with DG system and asked shri Raghuram K. jt. Commissioner to respond on the said point.

Shri Raghuram K. stated that the CIN number is already publically available on ICEGATE website. To which Mr Paras shah, BCBA responded that the CIN number is definitely available on ICEGATE website, but the idea is that currently we have to take it from ICEGATE website and hand it over to shipping line for further formalities. We request that if it comes on the physical printout of shipping bill than that data will be available to them also. The point was well noted by the chair, and the suggestion will be forwarded to DG System.

### **6) Online payment of fees/charges levied by Customs:**

Based on the applicable public notice/circulars, fees are being levied on Exporter for Shipping Bill amendments, Error rectifications of IGST refunds etc. We request for a facility to make online payment of such fees so that the exporters are not required to approach the Custom House. This will help in eradicating the physical presence required in this current pandemic situation.

**Reply:** The chair responded that they need little time to examine the issue before making any comment.

#### **7) Process for containers offloaded CFS:**

- a) **Request for processing of LEO of CFS offloaded container without Form 13:**

JNCH PN 35/2018 dt. 08.03.2018 (Requirement for Form 13 for processing of LEO) & JNCH PN 13/2019 (LEO Processing of containers offloaded in CFS through Parking Plaza). Para 2 of PN 35/2018 states that practice of requirement of Form 13 is aimed at ensuring that the containers move directly to the port terminal after LEO. Para 4 of PN 13/2019 stipulates issuance of LEO of containers offloaded in CFS are to be processed in Parking Plaza.

As per current practice, contains which need to be offloaded in CFS are moved out of CPP (as per PN 13/2019 & 28/2019) after completion of registration. Once the containers are offloaded in CFS an endorsement from the concerned Gate PO is taken, On the basis of this endorsement and Form 13 LEO is processed subsequently on the CPP. Once the LEO is obtained and digital copy of the S/B is received, movement is submitted to CFS to movement of containers to the terminal.

**b) Review of process of containers which need to be offloaded in CFS when containers were returned from terminal due to gate closure:**

As per current process, containers are moved out of the CPP to terminals after LEO for gate inside terminals after completion of the required formalities. In some cases the containers are not gated in as the vessel cut off is over. For such containers which are returned back to CPP and need permission for offloading in CFS, field formations are asking for LEO to be cancelled before giving allow of offloading of containers in CFS as per PN 13/2019. In such cases, we request to allow containers, for which LEO has been processed, to be allowed into CFS without cancellation of LEO.

**Reply for 2(a) & 2 (b):** The chair responded that both the issues will be examined.

**8) Updation of Stuffing reports in Customs EDI System:**

Process of updating of 'stuffing reports' in the custom EDI system needs to be streamlined across the various CFS's. As you are aware, unless the EDI System is updated with the requisite information, the Shipping Bill will not move ahead for disbursement of Drawback, IGST and other benefits. We request for fresh guidelines to be issued for updation of 'stuffing reports'.

**Reply:** The chair responded that Custom is well aware of the issue and are sorting this out in consultation with CFS's and D G system and Custom is equally concerned about this and getting it resolved both in consultation with CFSAI and DG system.

**9) Drawal of Samples:**

For Factory stuffed Containers, when required we request to allow to forward samples drawn by exporters without insisting for ISO Certificate.

**Reply:** The chair responded that this point needs to be examined before making any comment.

**10) DFIA licence attracting 100% BG:** We have received feedback from members that few consignment covered under DFIA licences are attracting 100% BG due to that members are facing difficulties to recall and amend the same.

**Reply :** The chair responded this is an import issue relating to Bills of entry attracting 100% bank Guarantee. This Point should be taken up with Import.

**11) Common practices from all CFS:** We have discussed with CFSAI and also minuted in the meeting held with them regarding the Common practices of Examination area and also all other practices should be defined by CFSAI.

**Reply :** The chair asked Mr Grover, CFSAI to respond on the said point.

Mr. Grover stated that they had two meetings with members, collected the best practices from 2-3 CFS's , made some common points . Now they will have further discussion with BCBA and Groups, so that we take their view and then submit the report within this week. They are in touch with BCBA. The BCBA acknowledged their satisfaction upon the response of CFSAI.

## Agenda points proposed by CFSAI :

**12) Various Challenges & issues being faced by CFSAI Members CFSs in SCMTR Implementation :** CFSAI vide letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> may 2021 listed major issues being faced both in Export/Import Filing. We wish to inform that whilst our member CFSs have been consistently interacting with SCMTR team of JNCH and ICEGATE on Whatsapp platform and several issues are resolved on daily basis, However several errors and challenges remain unaddressed on this platform. Our Members feel helpless in absence of a resolution from JNCH or ICEGATE. We are listing below the major issues being faced related to Exports & Imports filing and solicit your guidance and kind intervention towards resolving these complexities. Our Members CFSs can resolve these only with the support of ICEGATE & JNCH team and not on their own.

**Reply:** The chair asked Shri Raghuram K. Jt. Commissioner to reply to said agenda point.

### Export Cycle

I) Issues still being faced on Package type error.

**Reply:** This point is raised by CFS's time and again. Package type error is to be resolved internally in the CFSs. The error occurs when there is mismatch between package numbers, from/to, type which is registered with customs and that which is entered in stuffing report. CFS needs to devise internal mechanism to capture the correct package details in the CLP, and this is a necessary validation parameter for success of stuffing report. (SF).

II) Bulk upload of digital signature resolution not yet done.

**Reply:** Reason for Bulk upload of digital signature resolution not yet done is that two CFS's have already procured their own utility bulk signature and about two months back it was clarified that D G system will not be providing any such facility, it is for you to develop the Bulk upload of digital signature facility yourself. You have engage a vendor on your own .

III) No clarity or process for other than regular export stuffing & movement i.e HUB/Manual shipping bill/SEZ/RFID/ inter CFS movement etc.

**Reply:** Inter CFS movement and HUB has been resolved. Both of this are container number amendment. Regarding SEZ and Manual Shipping Bill, the logic of filling stuffing report is that the CIN no. should be there, in case CIN no. is not there, you logically can't file stuffing report. As long as CIN is not generated, from now no requirement of filing the stuffing report, if CIN no. is generated in future for SEZ and Manual S/bills, you are required to file stuffing report. For self seal container, no stuffing report is expected from the CFS. For RFID seal container, no stuffing report is required as long as the seal is not tempered. If the system picks up a shipping bill for examination, than stuffing report is required only for that S/bill and not for other shipping bill cargo stuffed in the same container.

IV) No clarity on process for Buffer/RFID seal/ open examine export container movement.

**Reply:** This point is repetitive.

V) Customer/ forwarders are directed to custodian for filing SF messages for old shipping bills prior to SCMTR implementation by CFSs (21<sup>st</sup> April).

**Reply:** This has to be done in consultation with AC/Docks on a case to case basis, it has to be examined, why there is a lapse in filing the stuffing messages. AC/docks has already been sensitized on this.

Ruben wanted to place it on record, that Parking Plaza vendor is collecting all charges for containers electronically, which has made the transaction very convenient. We appreciate the good job done by the vendor and will forward the letter of appreciation in this regard.

**VI)** All the file ACK not received. In case of bulk file upload some of the files acknowledgment not received. Sometime multiple time file uploaded but acknowledgment not received. Files remain pending and cycle does not get completed.

**Reply:** Regarding ACK not received, we have already advised there is a work around for it. On an immediate basis if you want to check whether your message succeeded or not, you can go into CNN inquiry table of Shipping Bill & check all the stuffing events that have taken place. Files remain pending and cycle does not get completed is already escalated and will be resolved in due course.

**VII)** In case of any correction in the uploaded SF file, observed that even for the custom office, there is no option to correct details. Request to have the reject button so user can Re-uploaded the file with correct details.

**Reply:** Option to reject stuffing files and option to correct the stuffing files, both of this is escalated to DG System. We are waiting for the clarification on this.

**VIII)** If one container SF file uploaded successfully with different cargo sequence then system captures the file successfully but officer not able to approve the same. In this regard CFS Members had addressed through email and awaiting the solution.

**Reply:** This occur when we do piece meal SF filing. Piece meal SF filing is not permitted, System has clarified it and there is a penalty for this. System does not recognize the second SF file and does not allow subsequent approval.

**IX)** Some time it is being observed that system does not allow officers to approve the container even though the file got success. Still CFS Members are received the error message in ASR CIN is not ready for ASR. Awaiting the solution to address this issue.

**X)** While uploading SF file CFS Members receive error message PKG already stuffed. Awaiting the solution to address this issue.

**Reply:** These two errors are also been persuade with DG system actively. CIN not ready and package already stuffed, these two also will be reverted with the clarification. However, where specific cases escalations were made regarding this error DG System is also reverting on the escalations.

Further CFS management cell has circulated the clarification obtained from DG System on all above area vide email dated 16.06.2021 (Shri Amit Kaushik + 91 991197715)

**13) Awaiting Guideline on disposal of export longstanding goods lying in various CFSs for a long period:-** CFSAI had taken up this issue in the earlier PTFC Meetings wherein our submission was that in absence of prescribed guidelines for this activity, as done in the past, as a special case JNCH may consider giving one time permission for disposal of 770 containers lying in various CFSs. This will assist in availability of 770 empties for fresh export cargoes as shortage of empties in the country to some extent is adversely impacting our exports. Informatively, we have also approached CBIC with a request to guidelines for disposal of long standing export cargoes seek JNCH's support in having same expedited by CBIC.

**Reply :-** The matter is already under consideration, we are considering to issue a PN in this regard shortly. CFSAI representative has informed that they have made out an SOP in this regard which is approved by SCOPE & JS/Customs in the meeting, which will be shared with you for your kind consideration. The chair asked to share it so that it can be moved forward.

14) The PTFC meeting for the month of MAY-2021 ended after taking up for discussion the agenda points placed by the Association Members. The Association Members 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, pertaining to NS-General and NS-II, if any, at least 10 working days in advance by e-mail to Appraising Main (Export) Section on [apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in](mailto:apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in) for taking up in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

15) The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

16) This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-General & NS-II.

17) 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)

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