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दिनांक 20.05.2026 को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (निर्यात) (सामान्य) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE  
FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT & GENERAL) MAY- 2026 HELD  
ON 20.05.2026**

The monthly PTFC meeting was held in hybrid mode at 1230 hrs on 20.05.2026 chaired by Shri Giridhar G. Pai, Commissioner of Customs (NS – II), JNCH and attended by Shri. Unmesh Sharad wagh, Commissioner of Customs (NS-General), JNCH.

2. The meeting was physically attended by the following members/participants of the trade & other stakeholders:

क्र.सं./Sr No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) <b>Names (Shri/Ms./Mrs.)</b>	(संगठन/संघ/पदनाम) <b>Organization/Association</b>
1.	Manish Kumar	CSLA
2.	Mohammed Hanif Bakshi	CSLA
3.	Maruti Gadge	BCBA
4.	Sanjay C Shingote	BCBA
5.	Vinayak Baparaj	BCBA
6.	Paras Shah	BCBA
7.	Nikhil Bhandary	WIBWA

3. The meeting was virtually attended by the following members/participants of the trade & other stakeholders:

क्र.सं./Sr No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) <b>Names (Shri/Ms./Mrs.)</b>	(संगठन/संघ/पदनाम) <b>Organisation/Association</b>
1.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA

2.	Dixit Gharat	CPP
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4. विभाग की ओर से निम्नलिखित अधिकारियों ने बैठक में भाग लिया -

Following Officers from the department attended the meeting: -

क्रमसं./ Sr.No.	नाम(सर्वश्री) Name of Officers (Shri/Mrs./Ms)	पदनाम Designation
1.	Dr. Chittaranjan Prakash Wagh	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
2.	Manoj Kumar	Joint Commissioner of Customs
3.	Sachin S. Pagare	Deputy Commissioner of Customs
4.	Sunil Sathianesan	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
5.	Bharat Lal Meena	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
6.	Fani Bhushan	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
7.	Are Sandeep	Supdt.(P), CCSP Section
8.	R.K. Singh	Supdt.(P), Disposal Section
9.	Abhinav Singh	Supdt.(P), SCMTR Section
10.	Hrishikesh Bhuyan	Supdt.(P), SCMTR Section
11.	Hunny Bansal	Apprasier, AM(X)
12.	Shubham Choudhary	Examiner, AM(X)
13.	Are Sandeep	Examiner, CCSP
14.	Sachin Sharma	Examiner, AM(X)

Dr. Chittaranjan Prakash Wagh, Addl. Commissioner of Customs opened the proceedings by welcoming Commissioner of Customs, NS-II and Commissioner of Customs, NS-Gen, Mumbai Customs Zone-II and other participants.

5. Fresh Agenda Points for the PTFC Meeting May, 2026:

S.No.	Issue in Brief	Sponsoring Stakeholders	Brief Record of Discussion	Closed/Open
1.	<b>Shut Out of Export Containers due to Delay in Movement from CPP to Terminal:</b> In view of the ongoing congestion and transportation-related challenges, there have been sizeable instances of containers being shut out from their scheduled vessels	BCBA	<b>Reply:</b> In this regard, NS-Gen, vide Letter dated 21.05.2026, has granted permission for temporary expansion of the buffer yard facility over additional land admeasuring 9.22 acres, adjacent to the existing Buffer Yard facility	Open

	<p>due to non-movement of containers from CPP to the terminals, despite timely submission and movement of containers to the CPP Buffer Team. This has not only led to delays in shipment schedules but has also resulted in a significant increase in transaction costs for the EXIM trade.</p> <p>In this regard, we request the CPP to issue a trade advisory outlining the current operational challenges being faced, along with proposed corrective measures and a defined timeline for resolution, in the larger interest of the EXIM trade.</p>		<p>at the Centralized Parking Plaza (CPP), in order to decongest the port terminal yards.</p> <p><b>Action to be taken:</b>                  CPP has been requested to provide data for the last 15 days to identify cases where Form 13 was produced and the vessel was available, but containers were still shut out; in order to examine the magnitude of the issue.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><b>Export Containers lying in CPP Buffer Yard to be treated as “Deemed Gate-In”</b> : We request that containers offloaded and lying in the CPP Buffer Yard be treated as “deemed gated-in” from the terminal’s perspective, considering that the CPP functions as an extended arm of the terminals.</p> <p>Accordingly, such containers may be accepted even if the physical gate-in at the terminal occurs after the prescribed terminal cut-off time, where the delay is attributable to operational constraints or delays in movement from the CPP Buffer Team in accordance of JN Customs PN 73/17.</p> <p>This would help mitigate shipment shut-outs, avoid additional costs to the EXIM trade, and ensure smoother cargo evacuation during the prevailing congestion-related challenges.</p>	<p>BCBA</p>	<p><b>Reply:</b>                  This proposal involves other stake holders like port terminals and shipping lines. This office has no objection if such a modality is acceptable to all the stakeholders. It needs to be pursued by all the stakeholders in the larger interest of trade facilitation. If it is not feasible then some other mechanism needs to be evolved by them to ensure speedier movement of containers to the port terminals.</p> <p><b>Action to be taken:</b>                  In this regards, inputs from all the terminals should be taken.</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Delays in Evacuation of Import Containers from</b></p>	<p>BCBA</p>	<p><b>Reply submitted by NS-Gen:</b></p>	

**Terminal to CFS:** The trade raised concerns regarding persistent delays in evacuation of import containers from port terminals to various CFSs, resulting in congestion, increased logistics costs, detention/ground rent burden, and operational difficulties for importers and Customs Brokers. The following issues were highlighted:

a) **Non-adherence to FIFO by Port Terminals:**

It was represented that port terminals are not strictly following the First-In-First-Out (FIFO) principle, leading to bunching of containers and delays in evacuation. The trade requested strict adherence to FIFO norms for systematic and transparent movement of containers to CFSs.

b) **Non-issuance of Partial Delivery Orders by Shipping Lines:**

The trade informed that shipping lines are refusing to issue partial Delivery Orders unless all containers covered under a Bill of Lading are moved to the designated CFS, despite Customs permitting partial clearance/movement. The trade requested issuance of suitable directions to shipping lines to allow partial Delivery Orders wherever permissible.

c) **Violation of Public Notice No. 39/2023:**

The trade pointed out instances of non-compliance with Public Notice No. 39/2023 issued by JNCH, particularly regarding levy of detention, storage, and other incidental charges during the ongoing operational disruption. The trade requested strict compliance by all stakeholders and

**Delays in Evacuation of Import Containers from Terminal to CFS**

The issue of delays in evacuation of import containers from terminals to CFSs was discussed. Terminals submitted that evacuation is being affected mainly due to shortage of trucks and drivers on the part of CFS operators and transporters, leading to accumulation of containers in terminal yards. Reference was made to the Press Release dated 07.05.2026 issued by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, wherein it was clarified that terminals are functioning smoothly and that the present constraints relate primarily to shortage of trailers and drivers. CFS operators were advised to deploy adequate trucks/manpower and utilise non-peak hours for evacuation.

a) **FIFO Compliance:**

Terminals stated that strict FIFO implementation is operationally difficult under high inventory conditions; however, FIFO is being followed to the extent feasible. CFS operators were advised to coordinate with terminals and indicate priority containers for evacuation.

b) **Partial Delivery Orders:**

Shipping Lines, through Container Shipping Lines Association, submitted that operational difficulties in recovery of storage charges on unmoved containers are affecting issuance of partial Delivery Orders. It was observed that Public Notice No. 39/2023 places responsibility of Port

	<p>prevention of unjustified charges.</p> <p><b>d ) Levy of Ground Rent During Crisis Period:</b> The trade expressed concern regarding continued levy of heavy ground rent by port terminals despite delays arising due to systemic and operational constraints beyond the control of the trade. It was requested that levy of ground rent may be kept in abeyance during the crisis period and suitable waiver/refund may be considered for the affected period.</p>		<p>Charges beyond free time on CFS operators. Terminals were directed to follow the prescribed billing mechanism, and Shipping Lines were urged to facilitate partial Delivery Orders wherever permissible.</p> <p><b>c) Compliance with Public Notice No. 39/2023:</b> It was reiterated that timely evacuation of containers and liability for Port Charges beyond the free period rests with CFS operators under the existing framework. All stakeholders were directed to ensure strict compliance with Public Notice No. 39/2023.</p> <p><b>d ) Ground Rent During Crisis Period:</b> It was informed that levy of ground rent is governed under the tariff framework of JNPA/TAMP and is outside the direct regulatory jurisdiction of Customs. However, the trade representation seeking waiver/relief in ground rent for delays beyond the control of the trade is being forwarded to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority for consideration.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>EGM Integration Issue in SCMT Departure Manifest Filing:</b> The trade raised concerns regarding pending EGM integration issues in the SCMT Departure Manifest Filing system. It was informed that despite successful file submissions and absence of filing errors, EGMs for certain vessels have not been integrated into the system for the past two months due to technical glitches/dummy errors generated by the</p>	<p>CSLA</p>	<p><b>Reply submitted by NS-Gen:</b> Online Weekly Outreach Program for SCMTR implementation was regularly scheduled every week, however due to the non-availability of ICES and ICEGATE Team members of DG System, the meeting could not be conducted. This office vide email dated 12.05.2026 requested the officers of DG System to confirm their availability for Weekly</p>	<p>Closed</p>

<p>system. The trade further submitted that earlier, the SCMT Cell used to hold regular weekly meetings with the DG System technical team, including physical meetings at JNCH, which helped in timely identification and resolution of such technical issues. However, it was represented that no physical meetings and regular online coordination meetings have been conducted during the last three to four months, resulting in prolonged pendency of unresolved integration issues. Specific instances relating to vessels MSC SIMONA and MSC ROMANE were highlighted by the trade. The trade requested restoration of regular coordination meetings with the DG System technical team for expeditious resolution of pending EGM integration issues and to avoid disruption in export operations.</p>	<p>Outreach Program and as directed by DG System's team, weekly outreach program has been scheduled on every Monday at 12:30 PM and the same is already conducted on 18.05.2026.</p>
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6 . Action Taken Report of Agenda Points of PTFC February 2026 held on 23.02.2026

S.No.	Issue in Brief	Sponsoring Stakeholders	Brief Record of Discussion	Closed/Open
1.	<p><b>Unfair and coercive recovery practices by CFS operators:</b> It has been brought to notice that certain CFS operators are adopting coercive recovery practices against Customs Brokers for dues payable by importers, including withholding delivery of unrelated consignments. Such practices are stated to be arbitrary and adversely impacting trade facilitation.</p>	BCBA	<p><b><u>Reply submitted by NS-Gen:</u></b> The matter was resolved within 2 hours, as informed by the CCSP. Further, all concerned stakeholders have been sensitized to avoid such occurrences and to ensure that no</p>	Closed

			<p>coercive practices are adopted which may adversely affect trade facilitation.</p> <p>In view of the above, the issue may be treated as closed.</p>	
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7. The members of the meeting were informed that the date of conducting next PTFC meeting (Export & General) 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 (Export) Section on [apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in](mailto:apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in) for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

8. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

9. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-II and Commissioner of Customs, NS-Gen.

10. Any amendments to these minutes to be provided within the next five working days.

11. Minutes are placed on the JNCH website and also sent through emails to the members.

सहायक आयुक्त,सीमाशुल्क/ Asstt. Commissioner of Customs,  
मूल्य निरूपण मुख्य(निर्यात)/Appraising Main (X),  
जे.एन.सी.एच.,न्हावाशेवा/ JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

सेवामें /To,

पी.टी.एफ.सी. के सभी सदस्यों को ईमेल के माध्यम से /All the Members of PTFC (through email)

प्रतिलिपि/Copy to :(ईमेल के माध्यम से)

1. मुख्य आयुक्त,सीमाशुल्क,मुंबईअंचल-II/Chief Commissioner of Customs, MUM Zone-II;
2. प्रधानअपरमहानिदेशक,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,अप्रत्यक्षकर,मुंबई/The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai;
4. सीमाशुल्कआयुक्त, मुंबईअंचल-II/ Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai 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;
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