

MINUTES OF PTFC MEETING (EXPORT) HELD ON 31.05.2013

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The monthly meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) (Export) was held on 31.05.2013 in the Conference Hall at the 7th floor of the Custom House. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Seema Jere Bisht, Commissioner of Customs (Export), JNCH.

The following members of trade attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Sr. No.	Name and Designation
01	Shri O. P. Sharma, GM, Indev logistics	15	Shri L.S.Â Tadadikar, AMEYA
02	Shri Â Ajit Kumar Singh, ULA CFS	16	Shri Pankaj Shah, V.P., BCHAA
03	Shri Mohan Nihalani, President AIIEA	17	Shri Om Prakash Agrawal, MACCIA
04	Shri Paresh Shah, Chairman Export Committee (BCHAA)	18	Shri D. L. Thakker, BCHAA
05	Shri R. Rajasekhar, VP (Commercial), M/s. United Phosphorus	19	Shri Manish Kumar, MSC India
06	Shri Subhash Rajkumar, MANSA	20	Capt. R. Raghav, Seabird CFS
07	Shri Ramakrishnan, MANSA	21	Shri Kiran Rambhia, BCHAA
08	Shri G.K. Sarkari, MANSA	22	Shri Rajesh Gosalia, BCHAA
09	Capt. R. Sindhvani (DG), AMTOI	23	Smt. Shyamali Banerjee, FIEO
10	Shri George Joseph, President, BCHAA	24	Shri Rajesh Sharma, BCHAA
11	Shri K. S. Shetty, BCHAA	25	V.K. Agarwal, ONIDA
12	Shri Santosh Shetty, Hind Terminals	26	Archana Roy, ONIDA
13	Shri Rajendra S. Combatore, Hind Terminals	27	Shri Mark Fernandes, BCHAA
14	Shri Milan Desai, BCHAA	28	Shri Yogendra Thakkar, Novas Impex

2. The following officers of the Department attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Sr. No.	Name and Designation
01	Shri. P. Anjani Kumar,	03	Shri. Gyan Sarvar,

	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (CCO)		Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Â Appraising Main (Export)
	Shri Rajiv Kapoor,		Shri Ashish Mishra,
02	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Appraising Main (Import)	04	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Appraising Main (Export)

3. The Commissioner welcomed all the members and the meeting began taking up the pending issues.

4. The following old points that were kept open in the last PTFC meeting held on 27.02.2013 were taken up for the discussion:-

4.1 Point: The members of the trade represented that few CFS are not co-operating in implementing the said Facility Notice no 65/2012 dated 05.12.2012 and the matter has been brought to the notice of DC, CFS Management cell.

Reply: Asstt. Commissioner, CFS Management Cell informed that on receipt of complaints from trade the matter is referred to concerned CFS and explanation is called for.

Point Open (ADC/CFS Management Cell)

4.2. Point: Shri Mohan Nihalani, President, AIIEA informed that International Group of P & I club's vide letter dated 05.02.2013 has not made any specific reference implying hesitation to insure such cargo which will be tendered for examination in terms above said Facility Notice.

Reply: Shri Deepak Tewari of CSLA (Container Shipping Lines Association) in the PTFC meeting of 27.02.2013 informed that they are requesting an addendum to the facility notice No. 65/2012 in terms of insurance which may be prejudice of shipping lines and also they have gone through the department's reply vide letter dated 26.02.2013 on the issue and the same has also been forwarded to the insurance companies, as soon as they get a reply from the insurance companies they will submit it. As no proposals/replies were received from CSLA the matter is kept pending.

Point Open (ADC/AM)

4.3. Point: The Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO) cited MANSA's letter dated 13.02.2013 regarding co-operation of shipping lines in 24X7 trade facilitation. In the said letter, it was not clarified by MANSA, as to whether they have been issuing Delivery Orders on 24X7 basis or will be doing so.

Reply : Shri Ramakrishnan of MANSA informed that as per the decision of PTFC meeting on 27.02.2013, the meeting between all the stake holders for a mutual solution has not taken place till date and he would revert back on the subject matter once the meeting is held between the stake holders.

Point Open (ADC/AM, MANSA)

4.4 Point: Shri Ravindra Kumar, Deputy Director, TEXPROCIL (The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council) represented regarding Settlement of claim by M/s Punjab Conware to M/s Lalit & Company.

Reply: The Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, CFS Management Cell informed that the matter was taken with M/s Punjab Conware for ascertaining current status of their claim.

Point Open (ADC/CFS Management Cell)

4.5 Point: Shri Ravindra Kumar, Deputy Director, TEXPROCIL (The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council) raised issued regarding Problems faced by Exporters while transacting funds from bank in case of companies having special characters in their company name.

Reply: In the meeting held of 27.02.2013, the Committee was of the view that SBI should make system changes to accept these special characters as in case of other banks to resolve the issue before the next PTFC meeting. However, no member from SBI was present for the meeting.

Point Open (ADC/Drawback & SBI)

5. The following fresh points came up for discussion in the present PTFC meeting:

5.1 Point: BCHAA informed that there is abnormal delay in getting Test Reports from Textile Committee. It was informed that the Test Reports are received only after 10-12 days of forwarding the samples and Textile Committee takes time to reply to all test queries marked by Customs. Therefore it was requested to issue instructions to Textile Committee to expedite in issuing Test Results. It was also suggested by BCHAA that if Customs specified the exact nature of test to be conducted instead of general practice of conducting all tests by Textile Committee, then it is felt that the reports may be received much earlier than the present time duration.

Reply: Commissioner informed that the matter will be taken up with the Textile Committee and they will be requested to forward the Test Reports at the earliest. Also it was informed that instructions will be issued to AC/DCs & Appraisers/Supdt with regard to specify the exact the nature of test while sending the samples for Testing.

Point Open (ADC/Export Docks)

5.2. Point: Shri R. Rajasekhar, VP of United Phosphorous Ltd informed that at the time of processing export documents if the insecticide is a registered insecticide under Insecticides Act, 1968, no separate permission should be insisted upon and that the exporter may be permitted to give an annual declaration for the various products manufactured by him under Insecticides Act, 1982 which can be a master data to be updated from time to time. Also it was informed by them that in respect of products for export under tariff heading 29 & 38, there have been many products which have different tariff heading between Central Excise & Customs and the Drawback Schedule, making it difficult for the exporter to claim drawback. Hence, they requested for a policy directive in this regard so that exporters have no difficulty in claiming drawback.

Reply: Commissioner informed that the issue will be examined and with respect to separate classification, it was advised to the exporter to address the said issue in detail to the department, which will be examined and taken up with the Board.

Point Open (ADC/Export Docks)

5.3. Point: Shri Yogendra Thakkar of M/s. Novas Impex raised the issue of destruction of Bio-degradables, wherein he mentioned that his re-import cargo of bio-degradables is lying for destruction for more than six months and no specific orders on the said subject is being issued by DC/Disposal, which has made the party to pay heavy detention/demurrage charges for the past six months.

Reply: Commissioner mentioned that the present instructions on Disposal of Biodegradables will be reviewed and DC/Disposal will be directed to issue orders on the said disposal at the earliest.
(Point Open, ADC/Disposal)

5.4 Point : BCHAA informed that the Preventive Officer endorsing the certification of invoices of factory stuffed containers should be pasted on 24×7 basis and the Preventive Officer shall not leave the Gate till he is relieved by the relieving Preventive Officer.

Reply : Commissioner assured that suitable instructions shall be issued accordingly and the staff shall be posted on round the clock on relieving basis.

(Point Open, ADC/Preventive (G))

5.5 Point: BCHAA informed that due to surge in volume of Shipping Bills at Punjab Conware CFS, release of Shipping Bills are delayed and they are facing lot of hardship because of shortage of AC/DC at Punjab Conware CFS. They requested to post a regular AC/DC at Punjab Conware.

Reply: It was informed that the request made by BCHAA has already been considered and a regular Asstt. Commissioner is posted to Punjab Conware for clearance of Exports. It was also assured that during the coming Saturdays & Sundays more officers will be posted for clearance of pending Shipping Bills at Punjab Conware.

(Point Closed, ADC/P&E)

5.6. Point : BCHAA & Smt. Shyamali Banerjee, Jt. Director, FIEO mentioned about the huge pendency of Drawback claims at JNCH.

Reply: Dy. Commissioner, Drawback informed that a special drive was launched to clear all the pendencies of Drawback from 01.04.2013 and after this drive the pendency which was of 109362 drawback claims on 01.04.2013 & 148556 drawback claims on 30.05.2013 has been reduced to 17885 drawback claims as on 30.05.2013, thereby clearing all major pendencies. Commissioner informed that all the Drawback Shipping Bills related to queries will be segregated and displayed in the website of JNCH, thereby benefiting the exporters to respond to their respective queries which can initiate fast clearance of Drawback.

Point Closed (ADC/Drawback)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

The next PTFC meeting will be held in the same venue on 04.07.2013 at 11.30 A.M.

This is issued with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs (Export), JNCH.

Sd/-

06.06.2013

(V. RAJENDRAN)

Addl. Commissioner of Customs

Appraising Main (Export), JNCH

To,

All concerned, by email.

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Zone II.
2. The Commissioner of Customs (Import)
3. The Systems Manager, EDI
4. All Addl. /Joint Commissioners (Exports), JNCH
5. All DCs/ACs (Export), JNCH.