

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 14.03.2013

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The PTFC meeting held on 14.03.2013 was chaired by Ms. Seema Jere Bisht, Commissioner of Customs (Import) and attended by the following members/participants and Officers from JNCH, Nhava Sheva:

Sr. No.	Names S/Shri	Organization/Association/Designation
01	Ashish Pednekar	MACCIA
02	Omprakash Agarwal	MACCIA
03	Ashraf Jahangir	Forbes CFS
04	K.M. Tope	MSWC CFS
05	V.K. Agarwal	ONIDA
06	Mohan Nihalani, President	All India Importer & Exporter Association
07	Shankar Shinde	Raigad Chamber of Commerce & Industry
08	Kiran Rambhia	BCHAA
09	Sarfaraz A. Khan	Raigad Chamber of Commerce & Industry
10	George Joseph	BCHAA
11	D.L. Thakker	BCHAA
12	K.S. Shetty	BCHAA
13	D.R. Jajware	NAFED
14	Paresh Shah	BCHAA
15	Prashant Pote	Ameya CFS
16	R. Rajasekhar	United Phosphorous Ltd.
17	Avinash Buge	J.N.P.T.
18	Philu Pereira	BCHAA
19	Ajit Kumar Singh	ULA – CFS
20	Dushyant Mulani	BCHAA
21	Dhananjay Jawadekar	MANSA
22	Subhash Rajkumar	MANSA
23	Ashwin Jachak	Punjab CFS
24	Ramakrishnan	MANSA
25	Manish Kumar	MANSA
26	B. Nalegave	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
27	Suresh N.	Addl. Commissioner of Customs

28 Pankaj Bodkhe  
29 Vishal Malani

Jt. Commissioner of Customs  
Asst. Commissioner of Customs

2. The Chairperson welcomed all the members present at the meeting.

3. Thereafter, minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 14.02.2013 were discussed and accepted.

**4. Points raised in PTFC meeting held on 14.02.2013 :**

4.1 The point with respect to delay in issuance of Delivery Orders by the Shipping Lines and examination of import cargo in absence of Delivery Orders and issue pertains to Marine Insurance, which was raised in previous PTFC Meeting, was discussed extensively. The members of Trade and BCHAA informed that the point had been sorted out in the PTFC Meeting held by Export Commissionerate. Mr. George of BCHAA informed that issue had already been taken up with the Board for need of a regulatory body for Shipping Lines as they (Shipping Lines) are not answerable to anyone and delay in issuance of Delivery Orders are in their benefit. Mr. Mohan Nihlani, President, AIIEA, stated that MANSA had not set up Help Desk as agreed in the previous PTFC Meeting.

The Chairperson asked the members of BCHAA to take up the issue with Ministry of Shipping also. The Chairperson assured the members that the issue of Help Desk will be taken up with MANSA and directed Addl. Commissioner/Apprg. Main (I) to write a letter to MANSA for setting up a Help Desk as promised by them to address the problem.

**(Action : Addl. Commr. / AM (I))**

**5. New Points raised in the PTFC meetings held on 14.03.2013 :**

5.1 Members of BCHAA raised the point regarding Delay in release of consignment after Personal Hearing. The Association has suggested that the consignments may be released immediately after PH on the basis of decision taken unless matter requires further investigation.

The Chairperson informed that it is not possible to release of consignments immediately after PH, a speaking/appealable order has to be passed for legal requirements. The Addl. Commissioner/AM (I) informed the members that unlike other Custom Houses this Custom House has a larger number of adjudications. In all adjudications, an appealable order is to be passed. He further stated that in cases where Importers request for no SCN/PH, Order-in-Originals are being passed within short time. The Chairperson asked the members that if they notice any undue delay in passing of orders, they should approach the senior Officers.

Shri. Mohan Nihlani, President, AIIEA appreciated the working of all the Addl. Commissioners posted in the Import Commissionerate. He emphasized the need for more Addl. Commissioners in the Import Commissionerate as a solution to the problem. The Chairperson agreed to raise this point with the Board. Addl. Commissioner/AM (I) was asked to put up a letter to this effect.

**(Point Closed)**

5.2 Members of BCHAA raised the point relating to problems faced by Trade / CHAs in selection of CFSs of their choice for clearance of goods as some Shipping Lines are reluctant to allow their requests to move containers to desired CFSs.

The Addl. Commissioner/Import Noting asked the members to report such cases to Import Noting Section so that necessary action against errant Shipping Lines can be initiated. He informed the members that SCNs are being issued and orders are being passed in such cases.

**(Point closed)**

5.3 Shri. Paresh Shah, representative of BCHAA raised the point w.r.t. delay in issuance of Test Reports from DyCC, JNCH, which in turn delays the clearance of consignments.

The Chairperson informed the members that a new Jt. Director had joined at DyCC. He had been appraised of the situation and asked to take necessary measures for speedy testing of samples and issuance of Test Reports.

**(Point closed)**

5.4 Shri. Mohan Nihalani, President, AIIEA raised the point that it sometimes becomes difficult for the members of trade to meet higher officers viz. Commissioner, Addl. Commissioner as the Group D staff are not sending their visiting cards to the Commissioner, Addl. Commissioners on the pretext that they are busy. Other members did not agree with this.

The Chairperson informed the members that she as well as all the officers posted in Import Commissionerate are very much available to meet the trade members during working hours.

**(Point closed)**

**6. The Chairperson requested the all the Association Members to send the Agenda points at least 10 days in advance so that proper answers can be provided in next meeting.**

7. The members were informed that the next PTFC meeting is scheduled to be held on **18.04.2013 at 11.00 hrs** in Conference Hall adjacent to the Office of the Commissioner of Customs (Import), 5th Floor, JNCH. The PTFC members/trade representatives are requested to forward their agenda points, if any, well in advance i.e. **10 days in advance** on Fax No. 022-27243245 or by E-mail to Appraising Main (Imp) Section on [appraisingmain.jnchimp@gmail.com](mailto:appraisingmain.jnchimp@gmail.com) for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

8. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

9. This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (Import), JNCH.

**Sd/-**  
**(VISHAL MALANI)**

**Asstt. Commissioner of Customs,  
Appraising Main (Import), JNCH.**

**To,**  
All the Members of PTFC

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