

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 22.05.2014

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The PTFC meeting held on 22.05.2014 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	Mohan Nihalani. (President)	All India Importers' Exporters' Association
02	Manish Kumar	MANSA
03	R. Rajasekhar	M/s. United Phosphorous Ltd.
04	Paresh Shah	BCHAA
05	Nimish Desai	BCHAA
06	D.L. Thakker	BCHAA
07	Rajesh H. Gosalia (Member)	COSIA(Chamber of Small Industry Association)
08	K.S.Shetty	BCHAA
09	Ravi V. Kokale	Dow Chemicals
10	Subhash Rajkumar	MANSA
11	Ashish Pednekar	MACCIA
12	Om Prakash Agrawal	MACCIA
12	K.K. Johur M	Balkrishna Industries
14	V. Padmanabhan	Seabird CFS
15	Mayur Kapasi	Dow Chemicals
16	Jacob Thomas	Punjab Conware
17	Rajiv Kapoor	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
18	Gyan Sarvar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
19	S.K. Singh	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
20	R.K. Singh	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
21	Piyush Kamal	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs

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

3. The Chairperson informed members that this meeting is for Import and all matters relating to export should be brought to the notice of Shri Pravin Chandra, Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Appraising Main (Export) for discussion in PTFC meeting of Exports.

4. POINTS RAISED IN PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10.04.2014

4.1 Assessment of Documents pending finalization of SVB/GATT Valuation :

The Chairperson stated that the discussion on the matter relating to assessment of documents pending finalization of SVB/GATT valuation may be deferred till the suggestions for change are received.

(Action – DC/SVB)

4.2 FSSAI :

The Chairperson directed Group I to put a reminder letter to FSSAI on the issue of releasing the pending consignments. No one attended the meeting from FSSAI.

(Action -DC/Group I)

4.3 Registration of First time Importer:

The Chairperson informed that issues relating All India or All Mumbai one time registration in ICES 1.5 need to be addressed to the Board and a reference to this effect would be sent.

Regarding error in system, seeking registration details on 2nd Import specific cases were asked to be brought to notice of ADC, EDI.

The Chairperson suggested that if a prior B/E is filed before the consignment arrives and a file No. is obtained and Registration process as get completed before the consignment arrives the issue of delay can be tackled.

(Action – BCHAA, AC/EDI)

4.4 FSSAI :

The Members complained that food items which were being imported and cleared have been stopped by the FSSAI. The Chairperson stated that she is aware about the matter and is being taken up with FSSAI.

The representatives of BCHAA stated that an import consignment of Whey Protein Powder is lying at Nhava Sheva for the last 6 months, pending for want of NOC from FSSAI from July 2013 onwards. Till date even samples have not been drawn for test from the said consignment.

The Chairperson suggested that the trade should meet senior officials of FSSAI to resolve the matter as no one attended the meeting from FSSAI.

(Action- FSSAI and BCHHA)

4.5 Members from BCHAA informed Chairperson that despite promise, the Drug Controller has still not provided the list of goods which do not require “No Objection”. Till date the same has not been received. The Chairperson asked the Jt. Commissioner Group II to take up the matter. The Chairperson asked the members, to provide a list of CTH wherein ADC have given declaration as “Not a Drug” and “Testing not required” so that the same can be referred to RMD to delete it from the system and make necessary amendment in the CCR.

Chairperson asked members to give such list to Shri Rajiv Kapoor Addl. Commissioner AM (I).

The members also complained that there is a change in procedure for payment of sample fees and it is restricted to payment through online account with Bank of Baroda. The Chairperson asked the members to take up matter with concerned Department i.e. ADC with a copy to JNCH (I) so that issue can be raised with concerned authorities.

(Action-JC/Gr II & II(A-F))

4.6 The representatives of BCHAA stated that for B's/E under RMS documents after out of charge, if the CHA finds any shortage of packages while taking destuffed delivery from CFS, the concerned officers are not cancelling the out of charge and are refusing to attend the joint survey. They suggested that if shortage is noticed while taking delivery in CFS, the concerned DC/Docks should permit Custom Survey and issue examination report/certificate showing details of goods missing, including value of the goods, so that same can be enclosed with application for refund of duty. They requested that Customs should not recover duty for the goods not delivered to the importers.

The Chairperson agreed to get this point examined in respect of RMS cases and discuss in next PTFC.

Action ADC (Docks)/ DC(AM)

4.7 Delay in Receipt of Test Reports

The Chairperson asked the members to meet Shri Rajesh Kumar Agrawal, Jt. Commissioner of Customs and provide him with the list of test report pending so that the same could be taken up with Joint Director DyCC. Chairperson asked Assistant Commissioner EDI to take list of Test Reports from DyCC for uploading in JNCH website on periodical basis.

Chairperson informed members that as per Boards Circular, the validity of previous Test Report is usually 6 months. The Public Notice furnished by Shri Mark Fernandes is of 1984. Presently the validity will be taken as six months only.

(Point closed)

5. Fresh Agenda Points:

5.1 The members stated that for last few days it is taking 6 days for container scanning from the time of landing of container till it reaches the CFS. Representative of Hind Terminus stated that the delay is mainly due to increase in selection of containers for scanning. They also pointed out that there is shortage of CSD staff and the scanning capacity is 180 to 200 containers. The Chairperson stated that the daily receipt of containers for scanning is approx 200. Additional

Commissioner (CSD) informed that many importers have pointed out non availability of sufficient vehicles with CFS to carry the containers to fixed scanner. As a result the containers are held up at CFS.

5.2 The Chairperson stated that container scanning is essential for national security and to protect the interest of revenue. The exemption from scanning can be given only in rare circumstances and then too under 100% examination. To ease the congestion, the Chairperson called Dy. Commissioner CSD and Supdt. CSD to verify the pendency of more than 500 containers as stated by members. The actual pendency was found to be only 160 containers.

5.3 The members also complained about the indiscriminate charges by the CFS. The Chairperson suggested that the charges at the CFS should be rationalised and the weighment charges be standardised so that the transaction cost could be reduced. Chairperson suggested that they should take this up with CFS (Association).

5.5 The member complained that the 1% RD is paid through DD which is done manually and not online payment. The Chairperson stated that the matter has been taken up with DG Systems and will be followed up.

6. The members were informed that the next PTFC meeting is scheduled to be held on 12.06.2014 at 11.30 hrs in the Conference Hall adjacent to the Office of the Commissioner of Customs (Import), 5th Floor, JNCH. The Chairperson requested all the Association Members 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 for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

7. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

(RAJIV KAPOOR)
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
APPRAISING MAIN (IMPORT), JNCH.

To,
All the Members of PTFC

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