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Respected Madam/Sir,  
Please find attachment.

Regards,

Principal Chief Commissioner's Office  
Customs Mumbai Zone-I



प्रधान मुख्य आयुक्त सीमा शुल्क का कार्यालय,  
OFFICE OF THE PR. CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS,  
मुंबई जोन-I, दूसरी मंज़िल, नवीन सीमा शुल्क भवन, बेलाई इस्टेट,  
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F. No. S/V-30(93)/2014-CCO.I/Unit IV

Date-07.04.2021

To,

The Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General),  
The Commissioner of Customs (Imp I & Imp II),  
The Commissioner of Customs (Export),  
New Customs House,  
Mumbai.

Madam,

**Sub: Action taken report on the CCFC Meeting held on 26.03.2021-  
reg.**

Please find enclosed herewith copy of the Minutes of the CCFC Meeting held on 26.03.2021 for reference.

In this regard it is requested to forward the action taken report against each of the points as mentioned in the aforesaid Minutes to this office latest by **12.04.2021**.

Yours faithfully,

(Sanjay Kumar)

Additional Commissioner of Customs

Encl: As above.



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Date: 06.04.2021

**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE  
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 26.03.2021**

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The 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) for Mumbai Customs Zone-I was held on 26.03.2021 at 4:00 P.M. virtually on webex portal under the Chairmanship of Shri S. R. Baruah, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

2. The following officers/representatives attended the meeting: -

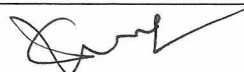
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation (Shri/Ms)</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1	Prachi Saroop, Principal Commissioner (Gen. & Audit)	General & Audit Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
2	Manoj Kumar Kedia, Commissioner (Import-I, II)	Import-I & II Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
3	Manish Mani Tiwari, Commissioner(Export)	Export Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
4	Sanjay Kumar, Addl. Commissioner	PCCO, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
5	Vijay Janrao Manvatkar, Addl. Commissioner	General Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
6	Ms. Priyadarshika Srivastava, Jt. Commissioner	General Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
7	Ayaz Ahmed Kohli, Addl. Commissioner	Import-I Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
8	Shokender Kumar, Jt. Commissioner	Import-I Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
9	Ms. Pritee Chaudhary, Addl. Commissioner	Import-II Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
10	V. Ramanadha Reddy, Jt. Commissioner	Import-II Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
11	Smt. Arjit Sagar, Jt. Commissioner	Export Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
12	Rishi Yadav, Jt. Commissioner	Export Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
13	Dr. Sandeep Gunjal, Dy. Commissioner	PCCO, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I
14	Kiran Rambhia, President	BCBA
15	K. B. Bhandari , Vice President	BCBA
16	Harsh Lapsiya, Member	BCBA
17	Darshan Vaidya	
18	Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
19	Jayant Lapasia	
20	B. S. Khati, Wild Life Inspector	WCCB
21	A. P. Umare	MbPT
22	Archana Roy	

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation (Shri/Ms)</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
24	Kartikay Dhanda, Director Lab	Textiles Committee
25	Manohar Patyane	
26	Manoj Singh	MIAL
27	S. S. Motling, Dy. General Manager(Leased Circuits)	MTNL
28	Sukant Chaudhary	

3. The Chairman welcomed all the members and directed the Deputy Commissioner, PCCO to commence the meeting. The Deputy Commissioner, PCCO put forth actions taken on the issues raised in previous CCFC meeting held on 21.12.2020.

4. Thereafter, the Deputy Commissioner took up the agenda points of the CCFC meeting for discussion in following manner:

<b>Agenda Point 1</b>	<b>Difficulties faced in Faceless Assessment (raised by BCBA)</b>
<b>Issue in brief</b>	<p>The BCBA raised the following issues with regard to Faceless Assessment:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Significant volume of cargo at NCH is of liquid and Dry Bulk. A robust monitoring mechanism has been sought to track the delay in faceless assessment.</li> <li>b) Bills of Entry related to liquid bulk cargo are being assessed on first check basis resulting in significant delay.</li> <li>c) Requested adherence of Board Circular No. 55/2020- Customs dated 17.12.2020 which has given clarity on assessment of liquid bulk assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion &amp; Deliberation</b>	<p>Commissioner(Import) stated that the issue of faceless assessment of bulk cargo has been raised by trade several times. However, these assessments need to be processed through FAG only. He assured the trade that if any problem is there then his office would be liaising with the faceless assessment group for its resolution. Further, Commissioner(Import) informed that there is no pendency as on date in this regard.</p> <p>Commissioner(Import) stated with respect to first check requirement made for liquid bulk cargo, he will take up this issue with NAC level and direction in writing would be issued to faceless assessment group to the extent that first check should not be given and pre-test report should be accepted.</p> <p>Commissioner(Import) proposed that BCBA should submit list of documents pending assessment more than 48 hours and that list will be forwarded to concerned FAG for expeditious clearance.</p> <p>The Chair directed to prepare a list of any such delayed Bills of Entry related to liquid bulk cargo and letter should be written to concerned Chief Commissioner to sensitise them about the delay so that undue delay can be avoided.</p>
<b>Action to be taken by:- Import Commissionerate</b>	



<b>Agenda Point 2</b>	<b>Incorrect levy of Additional Duty for the Bills of Entry generating since 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 for import of Base Oil under CTH 27101971 (raised by BCBA)</b>
<b>Issue in Brief</b>	<p>The BCBA raised following issue regarding incorrect levy of addition duty on import of Base Oil under 27101971:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per Notification No. 190/78 additional duty is imposed on import of Transformer Oil but post 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 additional duty is automatically reflecting in all cases of import of Base Oil.</li> <li>To rectify the problem, these Bills of Entry have to be re-called and re-assessed. This causes significant delay in clearance and increase in dwell time.</li> </ol>
<b>Discussion &amp; Deliberation</b>	<p>Commissioner(Import) informed that the issue has already been discussed with ADG/System. He has assured to resolve it on top priority basis in consultation with TRU.</p> <p>To highlight this issue, the Chair asked Commissioner(Import) to put up letter from his side addressed to the Zonal Member.</p>
<b>Action to be taken by:- Import Commissionerate</b>	
<b>Agenda Point 3</b>	<b>Inadequate number of samples received for testing at notified laboratory of Textile Committee at JNPT (Textile Committee, JNPT)</b>
<b>Issue in Brief</b>	<p>The Textile Committee of JNPT raised following issues with regard to inadequate samples being received for testing at their JNPT laboratory:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As per the DGFT Notification No. 19/2015-2020 dated 04.09.2015, at least 25% of samples drawn from the import consignments are to be tested at the notified laboratories of Textiles Committee.</li> <li>With the approval and financial grant-in-aid from Ministry of Textiles, the Textiles Committee set up new laboratory at JNPT, Nhava Sheva with effect from 20.01.2017.</li> <li>Laboratory at JNPT was receiving around 600-700 samples per month till 2020 which has suddenly seen a drastic drop of around 69% during the year 2020-21.</li> <li>CBIC vide Circular No. 46/2020-Customs dated 15.10.2020 has advised field formation to utilise Revenue Laboratories(CRCLs) for the testing of samples drawn at Customs area.</li> <li>Adequate numbers of samples are required for running the laboratory at JNPT.</li> </ol>
<b>Discussion &amp; Deliberation</b>	<p>The Chair enquired about whether there is any decline in the import of textile commodities or whether the CRCL in Custom House is experiencing a sudden increase in textile samples since the CRCL is now equipped to test textile samples. Commissioner(Import) was asked to obtain the necessary information so that matter can be examined.</p> <p>Further, Principal Commissioner(General) raised the issue that Textile Test Reports are not being received and due to non-availability of test report finalisation of provisional assessment is delayed.</p> <p>In this regard, Shri Kartikay Dhanda, Director Laboratory from Textiles Committee stated that within three working days reports are being issued. Wherever test memo is received manually offline report is sent. If test memo is in</p>

	<p>online mode, report is sent online.</p> <p>In view of above, the Chair directed the Commissionerates to compile list of the samples where test reports have not been received and communicate the list to Textiles Committee within one week and asked Textiles Committee to provide copy of test reports immediately. This exercise has to be completed within mid April, 2021.</p>
<b>Action to be taken by:- Import Commissionerate, Principal Commissioner(General)</b>	
<b>Special Mention</b>	<b>Non-functional MTNL Connectivity</b>
<b>Discussion &amp; Deliberation</b>	<p>The Chair specially took the issue of non-functionality of MTNL connectivity as the same is non-functional for more than last six months.</p> <p>The Chair asked Commissioner(Export) to keep abreast the CCFC about the disrupted EDI Connectivity due to non-functional MTNL lease lines.</p> <p>The Commissioner(Export) informed that three Docks locations viz. MOD, Frere Basin and UB Centre have no EDI Connectivity since August, 2020. Presently, officers at Docks are using their own mobile hotspot for connecting to the EDI System, which is unviable option considering the security aspect. Further, Commissioner(Export) informed that he has written to the CMD, MTNL for resolving this issue. The Commissioner(Export) emphasised some kind of resolution of this issue is warranted.</p> <p>To overcome the problem, Commissioner(Export) made two suggestions, i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) To install FTPH connection and using it through wifi network for time being and</li> <li>ii) At CSD TATA has provided lease line. So the MTNL extend these lines on their own cost to those three locations.</li> </ul> <p>Shri S. S. Motling, Dy. General Manager(Leased Circuits), MTNL informed that due to multiple cable fault, it is very difficult to restore these lines and further he is unable to give exact timeline for its restoration.</p> <p>The Chair expressed his dismay at the sorry state of affairs as since August, 2020 there's no connectivity and the MTNL is not in position to give clear cut timeline for its restoration. The Chair expressed that delay by MTNL taking months together for restoration of lines is unacceptable. The Chair said that this is a basic service and MbPT as custodian also has to step in to resolve the issue. The Chair requested that this whole issue should be taken seriously by MTNL and MbPT both and MTNL has to give clear cut timeline for restoration of connectivity as it effects the dwell time of clearances and ease of doing business.</p> <p>The Chair said that we need to write to the Board and MbPT Chairman and highlight this issue to seek alternate solution.</p>
<b>Action to be taken by:- MTNL, MbPT and Export Commissionerate</b>	

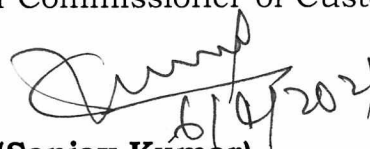




<b>Special Briefing 1</b>
<b>Special Briefing of the Commissioner(Export) regarding Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulation, 2018</b>
<p>The Commissioner(Export) informed that Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment, 2018 was initiated in year 2018 but implementation were stalled due to various reasons. But from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 its specific implementation has been outlined. Various stakeholder such as MbPT, ship owners, carriers, shipping lines and shipping agents have been brought all aboard. The Commissioner(Export) with satisfaction informed that almost 50 registration has been done with Mumbai Port and nine to ten people have been able to resolve their issues and successfully filed manifests. Still there are huge numbers of Shipping agents and carriers were not able to file manifest. If they are not able to file the manifest it would be loss to them as clearance of the cargo will not be effected. The Commissioner(Export) informed that ten transshippers have been registered in Import Noting. However they have not furnished concerned bond at the port where they have made their registration. If they don't furnish the bond they would not able to file the manifest as it is prerequisite for filing manifest. MbPT has already taken needful steps for generating Voyage Call Number(VCN). The Commissioner(Export) appealed MbPT and stakeholders that if they want to raise any issue, same can be resolved before the deadline of 01.04.2021.</p>
<b>Special Briefing 2</b>
<b>Special Briefing of the Commissioner(Import) regarding the amendment in Section 46 of the Customs Act, 1962 enacted by the Finance Bill, 2021 therewith filing of advance Bill of Entry made mandatory</b>
<p>The Commissioner(Import) seized opportunity as the Customs formation approaching end of financial year requested trade to pay the duty by 31.03.2021 so that revenue target can be achieved.</p> <p>The Commissioner(Import) further informed that in Finance Bill 2021 Section 46 of the Customs Act, 1962 has been amended and mandatory provision has been made for filling the advance Bill of Entry. Commissioner(Import) informed that Bill of Entry shall be filed before the end of the day(including holidays) preceding the day of arrival of vessels. Commissioner(Import) requested trade to brief their entire members about filing the advance Bill of Entry failing which there is provision for the penalty. Commissioner(Import) further informed that they will be issuing public notice.</p> <p>Shri Dushyant Mulani of BCBA informed that BCBA is in touch with importers pursuing them to pay the pending duty by 31.03.2021 and he will keep updating about it. Further regarding amendment in Section 46, Shri Dushyant Mulani informed that in case of LCL cargo trade is unable to file Bill of Entry prior to arrival of vessel and this issue has been brought to the notice of CBIC.</p>

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

This issues with the approval of the Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

  
 (Sanjay Kumar)

Additional Commissioner of Customs  
(PCCO), Mumbai Zone-I

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