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New Customs House, Ballard Estate, Mumbai- 400 001

MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 22.07.2022

The Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I was held on 22.07.2022 in conference hall, 2nd floor, NCH. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sunil Jain, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General).

The following were the attendees from Trade Associations.

Sr.No.	Names of the attendees	Association
1.	Shri Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
2.	Shri Kiran Rambia	BCBA

2. The following Officers were present for the meeting.

Sr.No.	Names of the officer	Designation
1.	Shri M. K. Kedia	Commissioner of Customs (Import I & II)
2.	Shri Manish M. Tiwari	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
3..	Shri Rajiv Magoo	Addl. Commissioner of Customs, (Import-I)
4..	Shri Rajkumar Kendre	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
5.	Shri Vishal Sanap	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
6.	Shri Kumar Gaurav	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
7.	Shri Mahesh Kumar	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, (Import-I)
8.	Shri P.C.Sekhar	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
9.	Shri N.S.Ramkrishna Rao	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
10.	Shri S.K.Bundela	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (import-I)
11.	Shri P.Digvijayam	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
12..	Shri H.D.Gawai	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
13.	Shri S.G.Bajam	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
14..	Shri B..N.Mishra	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)

3. At the outset, Shri Sunil Jain, Principal Commissioner of Customs (General) welcomed all the members of trade as well as the officers present for the meeting. There were no agenda points for the meeting.

4. To being with, Principal Commissioner of Customs (Gen), informed the forum that the Customs Department is in the process of issuing a Public Notice informing the importers/exporters/trade associations to update the contact details and emails of all

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Custom Brokers (CBs) in the EDI systems so that all the correspondence relating to CBLR can be directly sent to office of the authorised Customs Broker. In this regard, Shri Kiran Rambia, BCBA said that this is very good initiative by customs. This will not only lessen the number of physical visits to CB Section but also will receive all the correspondence quickly in the office of CB without any human interference. Further, Shri Rambia pointed out that, if any dedicated EMAIL-ID can be provided by customs for updating the contact number and email id of CBs it will facilitate quick update of data from the office of CB. In this regard, Pr. Commissioner pointed out the respective trade association may first collate all the data from CBs and later compile a authenticated data and send it to Pr. Commissioner of Customs(General) or Commissioner of Customs (Export) at the earliest for uploading in Customs EDI system.

The following points were discussed with the permission of the Chair as there was no agenda points for the meeting.

(i) Shri Harsh Lapsia informed that still some vague examination orders are given by the officers at some ICDs. Commissioner (Import) instructed the trade to share such examination orders given by officers in the ICES system. Sh. Harsh Lapsia, BCBA informed that the issue is already dealt with concerned ICDs and they have assured that no such examination orders will be assigned hereafter.

(ii) Shri Kiran Rambia, BCBA requested for issuance of a Standing Order or a SOP on clearance of Liquid Bulk Cargo(LBC). Commissioner (Import) pointed out that clear cut instructions are already conveyed to concerned officers dealing with Liquid Bulk Cargo and now the clearance of LBC is streamlined. He also instructed that any suggestions/trade practices on liquid bulk cargo on assessment/clearance may be furnished at the earliest for a detailed study and for issuance of SOP/SO on the captioned issue.

(iii) The issue of blank print out after assessment was raised by Sh Harsh Lapsia, BCBA. He pointed that AC/DC may be authorised to endorse/allow the re-print request on a letter from CBs and also requested to extend the re-print facility to CBs. Commissioner(Import) said AC/DC, TSK section is hereafter authorised to endorse the re-reprint requests from CBs and the authorized AC/DC also to keep a record of such endorsements given to CBs for further updation in e-office for record purpose, For reprint facility at CBs office, the Trade Associations may submit their representation at the earliest to take up the issue with DG (Systems).

(iv) Shri Kiran Rambia, BCBA pointed out that officers may be posted at MBPT/Indira Docks for examination of the goods in port area. Commissioner (Import) instructed that officers would be posted in Indira Docks on on weekly rotation basis for this purpose.

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(v) Commissioner (Import) stressed that Bs/E of more than 200 crores are still queued up for duty payment. The trade association must seriously pursue the importers to be much more pro-active in getting the duty paid immediately and also clear the goods instantly from Docks so that there would be noticeable improvement in dwell time. Sh Harsh Lapsia informed that the Association will pursue with respective importers and ensure quick action by importers.

(vi) Commissioner(Import) informed about a new proposal for introduction of new scheme named 'SAMVAD SE SAMADAN'. Under this scheme the departmental official from the level of ACs/DCs will have direct interaction/dialogue with the concerned CB/Importer on various pending issues or any specific issues so as to avoid legal proceedings like investigation, issuance of SCN, adjudications etc so that the issue is amicably settled between customs and the importer/CB. Sh Kiran Rambia, BCBA stated that the scheme if introduced will be a good move by the department in settling many critical issues in time bound manner. He also pointed out that, it will be more lucrative and very productive if the importers/CBs are heard on one to one basis. Commission (Import) instructed that Trade associations may interact with CBs/Importers and provide their valuable suggestion on the proposed scheme urgently, so that this new scheme is introduced soon.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (Import I & II)

(Rajiv Magoo)
Addl. Commissioner of Customs
Appraising (General),Import-I

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4. The Asstt/Dy. Commissioner of Customs, EDI, for uploading in Customs website.
5. All the members of trade through E-mail.