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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION
 COMMITTEE (CCFC) MEETING OF MUMBAI CUSTOMS, ZONE-I
 HELD ON 27.12.2023 AT NEW CUSTOMS HOUSE, MUMBAI**

The 9th meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) for the Financial Year 2023-24 of Mumbai Customs Zone-I for the month of December 2023 was held on 27.12.2023 (Wednesday) at 1200 Hrs in the Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, New Customs House, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Shri Pramod Kumar Agrawal, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

2. The following officers/representatives attended the meeting:

SN	Name	Designation & Organization
1	Shri Sunil Jain	Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General)
2	Shri Vivek Pandey	Commissioner of Customs (Import-I & II)
3	Shri Aslam Hassan	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
4	Shri Rajiv Magoo	Commissioner of Customs (In-situ), PCCO
5	Shri Sanket Kale	Additional Commissioner of Customs (Audit)
6	Ms Hemlata Rai	Additional Commissioner of Customs (Export)
7	Shri Amit Kumar Nikalje	Jt. Commissioner of Custom (Import-I)
8	Shri Ajit U. Nair	Asst. Commissioner of Customs (PCCO)
9	Shri Sanjay Singh Pawar	Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import II)
10	Shri D. R. Pardeshi	Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Export)
11	Ms Prapti Sarkar	Plant Quarantine
12	Ms Suchita Ambetkar	O/o Assistant Drugs Controller (I)
13	Shri Dushyant Mulani	President, BCBA
14	Shri Paresh Thakkar	VP, BCBA
15	Shri Manohar Patyane	BCBA
16	Shri Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
17	Shri Om Prakash Agarwal	Director, Nagarkot Forwarders Pvt Ltd
18	Shri Karunakar Shetty	MCCIA

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3. At the outset, the Chairman extended his greetings and welcomed the members of the PGAs and trade representatives to the CCFC meeting of Mumbai Customs Zone-I. The Chair then enquired about the agenda points for the meeting.

Shri Rajiv Magoo, Commr. (In Situ), PCCO informed the Chair that no new agenda point has been received and drew his attention towards action taken on the discussion of the last meeting viz. TSK section, Import-I, is e-mailing list of Bills of Entry on daily basis to BCBA, where assessment is completed and duty yet to be paid.

4 . Shri Rajiv Magoo, Commissioner of Customs (In-Situ), Mumbai Zone-I, then made a PowerPoint presentation (Annexed) displaying the average time taken by importers for payment of duty from assessment of Bills of Entry, and time taken by the importers to reply to the queries raised, for the period of October – December 2023.

- The Chair noted that the average time taken for duty payment by the importers after assessment in the month of December, 2023 (Up-to 25th) is **3.13 days**, which is on the higher side and corresponds closely to that of November i.e. **3.19 days**, and there was no improvement as compared to the last month. The Chair expressed concern as the same is affecting the dwell time severely.
- The Chair expressed concern as a number of Bills of Entry were pending for more than 2 days due to non-payment of duty and constitute a substantial chunk as these correspond to 60 per cent of total Bills of Entry filed. He emphasised that the same will skew the Time Release Study. It was also suggested that a list of Importers and Customs Brokers may be shared with BCBA whose Bill of Entry have been pending for duty payment for more than 10 days. The Chair accepted the proposal and directed to share the list of importers/CBs where duty is unpaid beyond 10 days. BCBA welcomed this initiative and informed that they will conduct an internal meeting and will trace out the reasons for such late payment of duty. The Chair also directed Commissioner, Import-I, and Import-II to monitor this list on regular basis for early payment of duty.
- The Chair observed that in the month of December 2023, in 81% of Bills of Entry, query reply was given by the importers after 6 Hours, while the figure was 83% in November. The Chair noted that in December 2023, in 41% of Bills of Entry, query reply was given after 3 days, which is alarming as the same put unnecessary pressure on the assessing officer for timely assessment of Bills of Entry and also affecting dwell time. BCBA requested for sharing of data and informed that they will conduct an internal meeting and trace out the reasons for the same.
- The Chair directed to share the PowerPoint Presentation with BCBA so that the Trade may take remedial action.

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5. The Chair then informed about the recent achievement of Mumbai Customs Zone I, facilitating the clearance of 3500 passengers who arrived from Dubai through one cruise vessel, on Christmas weekend and all the customs clearance formalities such as X-ray scanning of the baggage, frisking of passengers based on profiling, payment of duty on dutiable goods by passengers etc. were done efficiently, smoothly, and under the CCTV coverage. The attendees lauded the same and Shri Dushyant Mulani said this historical milestone of clearance of on-board cruise passengers will further enhance cruise tourism and establish Mumbai as a hub for cruise tourism, both domestic as well as international.

6. Shri Dushyant Mulani, President, BCBA requested for issuance of a Public Notice providing details of e-mail and contact numbers of BIS Officials for communication of trade. The Chair directed Commissioner Import-I to issue a suitable Public Notice regarding the same. Shri Dushyant Mulani also requested for issuance of a public notice clarifying the Proper Officer under Section 149 of The Customs Act, 1962, for amendments in documents. The Chair noted the same and directed Commissioner (Import-I) to issue a Public Notice on the issue in the light of CBIC Notification No.26/2022-Customs (N.T.), dated March 31st 2022.

7. The Chair then suggested that FFFI and BCBA may arrange a meeting of Top 20 importers with higher officials of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, in the second week of January 2024, which was warmly welcomed by the trade participants.

8. Shri Dushyant Mulani, President, BCBA thanked the Chair and Shri Sunil Jain, Pr.CC(G) for conducting G – Category exams twice within 6 months and lauded the seamless experience of applying online through CBLMS. Shri Paresh Thakkar, VP, BCBA, informed that other Customs Houses are taking note of the same and Custom House Bhubaneswar has Conducted the G-category Exam after a period of 19 years.

9. Thereafter, BCBA put forward the proposal of a 'National Shipping Carrier' and informed that there is no Indian Shipping Line with its own Containerized vessel and the entire Import/Export is dependent on foreign-origin shipping lines. It was further informed that this affects export competitiveness as sometimes due to cartelling, the freight charges shoot up exponentially. It was argued that the presence of a National Shipping Carrier would safeguard the logistic supply chain and protect national interest. The Chair noted the same and directed them to submit a detailed proposal for the same and also to refer this issue to DG Shipping.

10. The Chair again emphasized that BCBA should sensitize importers/exporters about the trade facilitation initiatives taken by the Department such as the AEO programme and share the notifications, circulars, Public Notice etc. The Chair then gave

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the specific example of sharing advisories issued by the Directorate General of Systems, which can result in fewer queries concerning UQC etc. while filing/assessing Bills of Entry, whenever such changes are implemented in the ICEGATE System.

11. As there were no further points for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. The Chair wished the attendees a happy and prosperous New Year 2024.

This issue with the approval of Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

Signed by

Rajiv Magoo

Date: 29-12-2023 16:55:55
Rajiv Magoo

COMMISSIONER(IN SITU)

Encl: As above

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1. Under Secretary, (CUS IV), CBIC, North Block New Delhi
2. All Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone I
3. All the Members of the CCFC Meeting by email
4. BCBA, Mumbai by email
5. AC/DC, EDI (with a request to upload the minutes on the Zonal website Office)

Sr. No.	Importer	CHA Name	No of BEs
1	Bitumen Corporation India Private L	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	5
2	Petronas Lubricants (India) Private	Emdee Logistics Pvt Ltd	5
3	Starcon International	Pt Shipping Pvt Ltd	4
4	B K Sales Corporation	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	3
5	Rajbala Impex Private Limited	Amba Shipping Agencies	3
6	All India Metal Corporation	Pmp Corporation	2
7	Amistad Pharmachem Private Limited	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	2
8	Dweep International	Aerosea Forwarders Pvt Ltd	2
9	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Lim	Sunrich Logistics Private Ltd	2
10	Royal Art Impex (India) Private Lim	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	2
11	Saint-Gobain India Private Limited	J K Shipping & Logistics	2
12	Shiv Texchem Private Limited	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	2
13	A.V.Steel Forgings Private Limited	M/S.Vishal Shipping Agencies Pvt Lt	1
14	Adin Overseas	Mulji Damji & Co. P. Ltd.	1
15	Angur Crane Hiring Private Limited	H.P. Dagha Shipping & Logistics	1
16	Apex Chemicals	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	1
17	Ashtavinayak Cranes Infra Buildcon	M/S.Damani Shipping Pvt Ltd	1
18	Deep Steel Traders	Mulji Damji & Co. P. Ltd.	1
19	Diamond Trading Inc	Mrl Clearing & Forwarding Pvt. Ltd	1
20	Global Cordones	Charchit Impex Incorporation	1
21	Godavari Biorefineries Limited	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	1
22	Indo Global Steel	Mudrra Logistics	1
23	International Industrial Springs	Sunrise Freight Forwarders Pvt.Ltd	1
24	Krunal Ispat Private Limited	Mudrra Logistics	1
25	M S Marine	Filed By Iec Himself	1
26	M.B.Enterprises	Mulji Damji & Co. P. Ltd.	1
27	Nirlon Tube (India)	Aerosea Forwarders Pvt Ltd	1
28	Ofb Tech Private Limited	M/S Rn Freight Forwarders Pvt Ltd	1
29	Posco- India Pune Processing Center	M/S.Damani Shipping Pvt Ltd	1
30	Press Solutions	M/S Bhagvati Impex	1
31	Prg International Electricals Priva	Greenity Logistics Pvt. Ltd.	1
32	Raj Kumar Batra	Amba Shipping Agencies	1
33	Raj Petro Specialities Private Limi	Sanghavi Freight Forwarders Pvt.Ltd	1
34	Ramnikal S Gosalia & Co	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	1
35	Rothe Erde India Private Limited	M/S.Damani Shipping Pvt Ltd	1
36	Saini Crane Service	H.P. Dagha Shipping & Logistics	1
37	Satyam Impex	I M Logistics	1
38	Seminox Pipes And Tubes Private Lim	Concorde Logistics (India)	1
39	Shiv Shakti Crane Service	M/S.Damani Shipping Pvt Ltd	1
40	The Bombay Dyeing And Manufacturing	Sanghavi Freight Forwarders Pvt.Ltd	1
41	Theis Precision Steel India Private	News Logistics	1
42	Ultramarine & Pigments Limited	Umershi Manshi Khona And Co.	1
43	Unp Polyvalves (India) Private Limi	V Cargo Movers	1
44	Varun Enterprises	Pushkarna Clearing & Forwarding Age	1
45	Vira Lifters	M/S.Damani Shipping Pvt Ltd	1
46	Yavi Overseas	Aerosea Forwarders Pvt Ltd	1



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AVERAGE TIME TAKEN FROM ASSESSMENT TO PAYMENT OF DUTY

Month	No. of days
October	2.79
November	3.19
December (Up- to 25 th)	3.13



MONTH-WISE TIME TAKEN FROM ASSESSMENT TO PAYMENT OF DUTY

Month	October		November		December(Up- to 25th)	
No of days	Total BEs for the period	Total %	Total BEs for the period	Total %	Total BEs for the period	Total %
Same Day	480	19.76%	327	16.33%	226	13.39%
2 days	574	23.63%	503	25.12%	448	26.54%
3 days	301	12.39%	231	11.54%	257	15.23%
4 days	210	8.65%	174	8.69%	118	6.99%
5 days	101	4.16%	113	5.64%	58	3.44%
6-10 days	220	9.06%	257	12.84%	172	10.19%
10-30 days	125	5.15%	157	7.84%	140	8.29%
> 30 days	10	0.41%	3	0.15%	12	0.71%
Total	2429	83.20%	2002	88.16%	1688	84.77%



TIME TAKEN BY IMPORTER FOR REPLYING THE QUERY RAISED

Month	No. of B/Es wherein query was raise	Query replied in Less than 6 Hrs	Query replied between 6 Hrs to 24 Hrs	Query replied between 24 Hrs to 72 Hrs	Query replied in More than 3 Days
October	216	59	40	87	30
November	164	28	39	75	22
December (Up-to 25th)	185	41	30	38	76



THANK YOU!