

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT-I),
NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI 400 001

MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC) MEETING HELD ON
13.08.2019

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, was held on 13.08.2019 in the Conference Hall, 2nd floor, New Custom House, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Smt. V. Rama Mathew, Principal Commissioner of Customs (General). The following Stakeholders attended the meeting:

| SR. No | NAME OF THE MEMBERS | ORGANISATION |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Smt. Roshan Irani | AIWCBA |
| 2 | Sh. Ashish Pednekar | MCCIA |
| 3 | Sh. Neelesh Datir | AILBIEA |
| 4 | Sh. Kiran Rambia | BCBA |
| 5 | Sh. Tej Contractor | BCBA |
| 6 | Sh. N.W. Gawande | MbPT |
| 7 | Sh. S. V. Dighe | MbPT |

2. The following officers attended the meeting on behalf of the Department & NIC.

| SR.NO. | NAME OF THE OFFICER | DESIGNATION |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 | Sh. Manoj Kumar Kedia | Commissioner of Customs (Import-I &II) |
| 2 | Dr. B. S. Meena | Additional Commissioner of Customs (Export) |
| 3 | Sh. Amit Ghawate | Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 4 | Sh. Dharendra Mani Tripathi | Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 5 | Sh. Yogesh Yadav | Dy. Commissioner of Customs (SIIB-I) |
| 6 | Smt. Money Jain | Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 7 | Sh. Rahul | Asstt. Commr. of Customs {Docks (I) & SIIB(X)} |
| 8 | Smt. Sumity Garg | Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) |
| 9 | Sh. D. Banerjee | Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 10 | Sh. Vinay Kumar | Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 11 | Sh. H.M. Patel | Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 12 | Sh. Devendra R Verma | Superintendent (PSO) |
| 13 | Sh. Sudhir P. V. | Tech. Director |

3. Principal Commissioner of Customs (General) welcomed all the members of the Trade and officers present in the meeting and requested them to be active partners with Mumbai Customs in improving the ease of doing business.

4. **Ease of doing business in MbPT.**

As regards point No 04 of the minutes of last PTFC, the chair was apprised by Docks staff that the mobile network connectivity at Indira Docks is very poor. The Dy. Traffic Manager, MbPT informed the Chair that joint visit comprising MbPT and Customs staff shall be conducted at Indira Docks w.r.t. mobile network connectivity and the progress report of the same shall be submitted in the next meeting.

Action- MbPT.

5. **Issue raised by BCBA w.r.t. late submission of export documents by Trade Body to MBPT for clearance of export goods.**

During discussion, the MBPT officials raised the issue of traffic congestion at MbPT gate by the trucks carrying cargo for exports by Trade. It was stated that the export goods/ cargo arrive prior to their relevant export documents which are mandatory to allow the goods inside the notified area for export purpose. The representatives of BCBA replied that they are

receiving export documents like invoice late while the goods are dispatched from the premises of the exporter in advance. Therefore they are not able to show export documents at the gate which lead to traffic congestion. The chair directed the BCBA to establish co-ordination with respective importers for getting export invoice electronically in advance for early compliance and filing of Shipping Bills to avoid traffic congestion and submit details regarding reasons for difficulties in receiving export documents timely. The representatives of BCBA agreed to look into the matter and submit compliance in next PTFC meeting.

Action- BCBA.

6. Issue raised by BCBA w.r.t. delay in scanning of transshipment container coming from JNPT.

During discussion, the BCBA raised the issue regarding delay in scanning of transshipment container coming from JNPT which increases dwell time and cost. MBPT officials asked whether the scanning can be done at JNCH and report forwarded to MBPT and CSD at Mumbai Customs. The chair directed BCBA to submit detailed representation/write-up regarding difficulties faced in scanning and agreed to examine the matter.

Action- BCBA.

7. Issue raised by BCBA w.r.t. creation of RMS Facilitation Centre.

During discussion, the BCBA and trade bodies raised the issue regarding creation of RMS Facilitation Centre as a trade facilitation measure as the same is functional in other customs houses. They said that the RMS Facilitated Bills of Entry where no examination is required, the Out of Charge can be given at Customs House itself which will help trade and reduce dwell time as well as cost. The Chair assures to take up the matter once BCBA gives detailed write up/ representation in this regard; i.e. how it may actually reduce dwell time when online registration and online OOC is already put up in place.

Action- BCBA.

8. Issue raised by BCBA w.r.t. delay in registration of AEO application.

During discussion, the BCBA also raised the issue regarding delay in registration of AEO application. As the registration for AEO application is taking longer time approx. 15 days, trade is finding difficulties to file AEO application which can be done only after registration. The Chair agreed to examine the issue and asked BCBA to give detail representation for the same.

Action- BCBA.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

The next PTFC meeting is scheduled to be held on 10.09.2019 at 11.30 AM.

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(Money Jain)
Deputy Commissioner of Customs
Import-I, NCH, Zone-1

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1. The Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Zone-I, NCH, Mumbai
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5. The Commissioner of Customs (Export), NCH, Mumbai
6. The Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Gen & CCO), NCH, Mumbai
7. The Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I), NCH, Mumbai
8. The Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Export), NCH, Mumbai
9. The Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II), NCH, Mumbai
10. The Dy. Commissioner of Customs (EDI), NCH, for uploading in Official Website
11. All the members of trade through E-mail