

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
11.09.2018

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, was held on 11.09.2018 in the Conference Hall, 2nd floor, New Custom House, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by the Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General) Shri S.K. Das. The following Stakeholders attended the meeting:

SR. No	NAME OF THE MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
1	Sh. Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
2	Roshawirani	SLLY Shipping
3	Sh. N. W. Gawnde	MbPT
4	Sh. Praful Kamble	MbPT
5	Mrs. Ganguly	Leena Forwarders
6	Sh. Bapu Ambavale	Link & Shipping
7	Ms. Harpreet Makol	FIEO
8	Sh. Neelesh	AILBIEA
9	Sh. Harsh	AILBIEA
10	Capt. Subhedar	ICCSA
11	Sh. Hasmukh	AIMO
12	Shri Mark Fernandes	IMC

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

SR.NO.	NAME OF THE OFFICER	DESIGNATION
1	Mrs. Prachi Saroop	Commissioner of Customs(Import-I)
2	Sh. Jagreeti Sain Negi	Commissioner of Customs(Import-II)
3	Sh. Ramesh Chander	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
4	Sh. M. Rammohan Rao	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
5	Dr. Deepak Sharma	Jt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
6	Sh. Rajesh Kothari	Jt. Commissioner of Customs (Export)
7	Ms. Money Jain	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
8	Ms. Sumity Garg	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
9	Ms. Farah Zachariah	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
10	Sh. Hemanga Phukon	Dy. Commissioner of Customs
11	Sh. Rahul	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
12	Sh. S. P. S. Hooda	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
13	Sh. J. Jacob	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs(Export)
14	Sh. J P Sharma	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs(Import-II)
15	Sh. Shashank Shekhar	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs(Export)
16	Sh. D. Behera	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs(Export)
17	Sh. Dharmendra Singh	Superintendent(P)
18	Sh. Devendra R Verma	Superintendent (PSO)
19	Sh. Hemant Kumar	PO/PSO(A)
20	Sh. Amit Kumar	PO

3. Pr. 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, It was informed by MbPT official that the mobile network connectivity at M.O.D. is being pursued with the concerned section/division and the outcome will be conveyed in the next meeting. Issue related to lighting work is under process and there are no security issues. MbPT official also informed that civil work has been sorted out and electrical work is being carried out at MOD. Officials working at M.O.D. informed that a letter to The Chairman, MbPT is being put up to the Pr. Commissioner of Customs, Zone-1 regarding all the issues/difficulties faced by the officials at M.O.D.

It was clarified by members of trade and officers that not much progress has been seen in any of the areas such as network connectivity, water logging, inadequate lighting, security, seepage etc. despite several reminders to the officials of MbPT. In addition it was also informed that MOD staff and trade representatives have been requesting MbPT officials to open gate No. 4 for exit of vehicles due to heavy traffic in front of MOD Gate No. 1 and there is no facility for cleaning of the office premises and lavatories at MOD. The chair advised MbPT officials to examine and redressal their genuine issues and to expedite redressal of remaining issues.

Action- MbPT.

5. Issues raised by ICC shipping association w.r.t Indian domestic shipping .

As regards point No 05 of the minutes of last PTFC, it was informed by the member of the ICC shipping association, they have to go through numerous procedures and checkpoints just to take ship's provisions/stores on Board. A few procedures and checkpoints pertain to Customs and the rest pertains to other agencies (Immigration, CISF, MbPT). The chair was apprised by the member of the ICC Shipping Association that at least Customs related issues may be simplified and issues related to other agencies are being pursued by themselves. However, Preventive (General) officers informed that procedures being followed in Docks by Customs Officials are as per Standing Orders/Public Notices/Circulars issued by the Department from time to time. It was directed by the chair to divide the issues related to ICC shipping association into two parts i.e. Issues related to Customs and Issues related to other agencies respectively.

The chair directed the concerned officer of Preventive (General) to examine the issue related to Customs and submit the reply whether procedures and checkpoints pertaining to customs can be simplified further without jeopardizing the security and revenue concerns within a week's time.

Action:- MbPT, Immigration and P(G) Customs

6. (ii) Issues raised by M/s Leena forwarders w.r.t. acceptance of payment only through PCS not by pay order.

As regards point No 06 (ii) of the minutes of last PTFC, it was informed that MbPT does not accept payment through Pay order and they only accept payment through PCS. PCS includes only 7 banks, namely:

1. State bank of India
2. Axis Bank
3. ICICI Bank
4. HDFC Bank
5. IDBI Bank
6. Union Bank of India
7. Bank of Baroda

It was requested to include more banks and modes for the payments.

The chair was apprised by the stakeholder that the major banks have not been covered under PCS by MbPT. The MbPT official informed that as per Ministry of Shipping (India), every stakeholder has to pay through PCS and the same is followed at all ports. If some problem occurs then the stakeholders need to request to resolve the difficulties faced by them and they will try to solve the same.

Action- Point closed.

7. Issues raised by BCBA w.r.t. problems faced at the time of uploading documents on e-Sanchit.

The official of BCBA has requested the Customs Authorities to issue Public Notice to all the Importers to provide the documents online to Customs Brokers in terms of size and format prescribed in CBEC Circular No. 40/2017 dated 13.10.2017 as filing of Bill of Entry through e-Sanchit is taking at least additional 7-10 minutes per documents to upload and frequent errors code are being received under e-Sanchit. The chair told that Public Notice in respect of e-Sanchit has already been issued. FAQ regarding e-Sanchit is also available on the website of ICEGATE. The chair was apprised by the member of the BCBA that documents for re-export cannot be uploaded through e-Sanchit. The chair told the stakeholders that the matter will be taken into consideration.

Action- EDI Section.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

The next PTFC meeting is scheduled to be held on 09.10.2018 at 11.30 AM.



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Import I, NCH, Zone-I

Copy to:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Zone-I, NCH, Mumbai
2. The Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General), 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
12. For translation (Appraising Mains)