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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE  
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 22.02.2018**

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The meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Zone-I was held on 22.02.2018 at 03.30 P.M. in the Conference Hall, New Custom House, under the Chairmanship of Shri Rajeev Tandon, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

2. The following officers and representatives from trade/ PGA/ association etc. attended the meeting:-

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Designation (S/Shri)</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	S.K. Das, Pr. Commissioner(Gen)	Customs Zone-I
2	Ramesh Chander , Commissioner (Export.- I ),	Customs Zone-I
3	J. S. Negi, Commissioner(Import- II)	Customs Zone-I
4	Ms Prachi Saroop, Commissioner(Import- I, Export-II)	Customs Zone-I
5	Akhilesh Pandey, ADC, CCO	Customs Zone-I
6	Ms. Sunita Pandey, ADC, Export-II	Customs Zone-I
7	B. S. Meena, ADC	Customs Zone-I
8	N. Rammohan Rao, JC/Import-II	Customs Zone-I
9	Ravi Tiwari, AC/CC Office	Customs Zone-I
10	G. Manigandasamy, DC/EDI.	Customs Zone-I
11	Amar Bhadur Singh, DC/Import-II	Customs Zone-I
12	Rajkumar Kendre, DC/EDI	Customs Zone-I

13	Rasal Dwivedi/DC, Apprg	Customs Zone-I
14	Rajesh Kothari/ DC,Exp	Customs Zone-I
15	Sudhir P.V., Pr. System Analyst	NIC
16	A. S. Kannoja , Sr. Accounts Officer	MbPT
17	N. W Gawande, Dy. Trafic Manager	MbPT
18	Prashant Bhatnagar, Inspector	CISF
19	S.C. Mathur, Chemical Examiner-I	DyCC
20	S. Warnekar, Field Officer,	MPCB
21	Dr. P. Ravi. Chandran, Dy, Director	Textile Committee
22	Dr. A. Siddiqui, Deputy Director	RPQS
23	Mohan Nihalani, President	AIIEA
24	K. B. Bhandari	BCBA
25	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
26	K. B. Bhandari, Member	BCBA
27	Nilkhil Aggarwal, Manager, BPCL	Importer
28	Ronil Sanghavi, Director, M/s.Sanghvi Freight	Customs Broker
29	P. K. Kabra, General Manager, M/s.Sanghvi Freight	Customs Broker
30	Sanjay Mishra, Proprietor	Customs Broker
31	Manish Shaikh, General Manager, Raj clearing Agency	Customs Broker
32	Natwa Rathod, Sr. Executive, Raj clearing Agency	Customs Broker

3. At the outset, the Chair welcomed all the members present in the meeting. All CCFC members were informed about various Government initiatives aimed at simplifying Customs procedures for 'Paperless and Faceless Customs' and for ease of doing business for the trade. He stressed upon whole hearted participation of trade and stakeholders for making these schemes successful.

4. Shri Akhilesh Pandey, ADC(CCO) in his Power Point Presentations, elaborated on steps taken by the Mumbai Customs, for providing trade friendly environment and pursuing the prime objective of 'Ease of Doing Business'. The stakeholders were informed of the various benefits of schemes like E-Sanchit , AEO Programme, Trade Facilitation Agreement, IGST Refund

and E-Sealing. The relevant salient features, CBEC Circulars/ Public Notice for each module were explained.

5. The Chair emphasized the benefits of AEO Programme, available to the various levels /tiers of AEO. He urged the CCFC members to sensitize their member-importers/exporters to enroll themselves for the prestigious AEO Programme by conducting workshops/ seminars and to raise the awareness of AEO scheme. The Principal Commissioner (General), the Commissioners (Import-I & Import-II) present in the meeting, also urged the members to avail of these facilities and expressed their willingness to assist them for any kind of difficulties encountered.

6. Shri Akhilesh Pandey, ADC(CCO) also presented analysis of Dwell Time Study conducted by the Mumbai Customs, Zone-I, for clearance of Import Cargo in the month of January 2018. The Chair referred to the specific cases of delay in forwarding of test reports by the DyCC and expressed his displeasure over the extraordinary delays beyond 5 days. The Chair urged all the PGAs to consciously take efforts to optimize their efficiency levels to bring down the dwell time remarkably.

7. The CCFC members were also informed about the Best Performing Importers / Custom Brokers, who figured in the criteria of minimum dwell time taken, to clear the import cargo. Appreciating their performances, the Chair suggested that consistent best performers should be considered for special recognition and awards. The Importers and Custom Brokers, who were best performers in the dwell time for the month of January 2018, were as follows:

#### **IMPORTERS**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Entry Inward to Submission of B/E</b>	M/s.Zenith Surgical Company	M/s. Raj Petro Specialities Pvt. Ltd.	M/s. Apar Industries Limited
<b>Assessment to Duty Payment</b>	M/s.Haresh Petrochem Pvt. Ltd..	M/s. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd	M/s. Panama Petrochem Ltd.
<b>Payment to Registration</b>	M/s.Starlite	M/s. Metal One Corporation India Private Limited.	M/s. Posco-India Pune Processing Center Pvt. Ltd.,

#### **CUSTOM BROKERS**

<b>AREA</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Entry Inward to Submission of B/E</b>	M/s. Sumangalam (India)	M/s.Raj Clearing Agenc	M/s.Sanghavi Freight Forwarders Pvt.Ltd.

<b>Assessment to Duty Payment</b>	M/s.Baid International Services	M/s.Sanjay Kumar Mishra	M/s. Behag Overseas
<b>Payment to Registration</b>	M/s.Sab Shipping And Logistics Pvt Ltd	M/s.Aps Freight &Travels Pvt.Ltd.	M/s.Exim India Trade Agencies

The Chair appreciated the efforts taken by the importers / Customs Brokers and suggested them to remain consistent in their efforts, to set an example for the others to follow.

8. Thereafter, ADC(CCO) proceeded with the agenda points for the meeting, as below :-

**Agenda points carried forward from the last CCFC Meeting i.e. 23.11.2017**

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p>A reference was received from BCBA vide letter dated 10.11.2017 to dispense with manual release advice(RA) for Project Import and confirmation between 3 zones should be initiated.</p> <p>It is intimated that:</p> <p>When any project is registered at one port and the goods are expected to arrive at other port, RA(Release Advice) against the project/ contract is required from the port of registration to port of clearance. The files are presently processed as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA to be prepared and sent in sealed cover to Customs</li> <li>• Confirmation copy by fax and or sealed cover</li> <li>• Retrieval of the copy of fax/email to group for proving the genuiness of RA.</li> </ul> <p>Suggestions proposed by BCBA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to go paperless and ease of doing business and dwell time, if a email ID for all 3 zones for project cell/ contract department with AO/DC is created, then RA can be sent on mails from official ID of contract cell AO/DC</li> <li>• This will avoid confirmations</li> <li>• Manual processing of RA and sealed cover can be avoided which will save dwell time and raising the queries for RA purpose.</li> <li>• Assessment will be faster and will save paper and help in ease of doing business</li> </ul>
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Action Taken.	The suggestion is welcome to reduce the dwell time. The Commissioner (Import-I) informed that in principal all the 3 Customs Zone had agreed to this proposal to implement the proposal. The Commissioner (Import-I) informed that the coordination of officers of three Zones is in progress to devise a procedure / mechanism in coordination with 3 Customs zone to implement the above scheme and the same shall be implemented soon. .
Directions of Chair	The Commissioner(Import-I) should devise a procedure/ mechanism, in coordination with 3 Customs Zone to implement the above proposal and roll it out within a fortnight.
	<b>Action: Commissioner(Import-I)</b>
<b>Issue 2</b>	A reference was received from BCBA, vide letter dated 10.11.2017, that Exim Trade is facing insurmountable problems for clearance of import and export consignments through MBPT, due to non-compliance of GST rules and regulation. MBPT has still not commenced invoicing/ billing in terms of Para 33 of Notification No.10/2017.
Action Taken	In this regard, clarification dated 08.11.2017 has already been issued by Office of Commissioner of Central Tax & Central Excise with reference to Rule 33 of the Central Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017. A meeting was held by MbPT on 16.12.2017 with stakeholders and issue was discussed in detail and it was clarified that as per Rule 33 of Central Goods and Service Tax Rules, 2017:  <i>“There is a concept of Pure Agent GST regime too. The customs broker can ask the Custodian i.e. Shipping Lines etc. to make the Invoice in the name of the Customers where there is actual reimbursement of expenses . At best, the Custodian may ask authority letter from the Customers authorizing Custom Broker for customs clearances, transport to pay shipping lines etc. on behalf of Customers.”</i>  The concerned MbPT authorities informed that they have raised certain issues relating to TDS. BCBA commented that issue was not linked and shall lead to further delay. BCBA informed that Circulars 12/2017 dated 27.10.2017 has been issued by GVK and also by CONCOR on similar lines as per their request.
Directions of the Chair	The Chair requested MbPT authorities to resolve the issue and devise a compatible system in tandem with the GST Rules, 2017. He

	also requested Secretary CCFC(ADC,CCO) to obtain the concerns of MbPT and process them for a quick review within a fortnight.
	<b>Action : MbPT</b>

### **Fresh agenda points**

Issue 1	A reference, vide letter dated 14.02.2018, was received from BCBA, regarding user facilities required at new examination premises MOD and Wadala, requesting that new examination premises at MOD and Wadala should be operationalized, only after basic facilities & requisite amenities; proper EDI connectivity, Weigh Bridge etc. are created/ provided.
Action taken	To discuss the issue, a meeting on 20.02.2018 was held between Vice Chairman, MbPT and Pr. Commissioner(G), Commissioner (Import) and all concerned officials. It was decided that a joint inspection by Docks, DC and MbPT shall be conducted and MbPT has promised to provide all the facilities within 10 days. MbPT has been requested to provide following facilities at MOD before shifting of goods: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Weighbridge</li> <li>2. Drinking water and general conveniences</li> <li>3. Internet Connectivity for EDI system</li> <li>4. Office furniture for Customs and trade</li> <li>5. Proper seating &amp; waiting area for trade</li> </ol>
Directions of the Chair	The Chair directed the MbPT officials to provide the above mentioned basic facilities, so that operations can begin from the new location at the earliest. MbPT assured of needful to be done timely.
	<b>Action : Docks DC and MbPT</b>

9. A reference mail dated 16.02.2018 was received from MbPT intimating that the vessel M V Jindal Kamashi loaded with coastal containers at Mundra to Cochin was brought in at Mumbai Port on 26/06/15, as it sustained heavy damages due to bad weather. The entire Cargo was discharged at Mumbai Port to facilitate the repair of the vessel. Out of the 53 x 20 damaged containers, 23 containers of M/S J M Baxi & Co are still lying at Mumbai Port in damaged condition awaiting NOC from Customs.

Issue was not taken as an agenda point, being a specific case and not a policy related matter. However, issue was examined and concerned officer of

Group VB have been advised to resolve the same at the earliest and submit the report to CCO in two weeks.

10. All the stake holders present including Shri Mohan Nihalani, President, AIIEA appreciated the positive facelift in the entire Mumbai Custom House for general cleanliness under Swachta and observed that his words of appreciation for the officers and staff posted in the field formations be taken note of.

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

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

**Sd/-**  
**27.02.2018**

**(Akhilesh Pandey)**  
Addl. Commissioner of Customs (CCO),  
Mumbai Zone-I

Copy to:

1. Shri Pawan Khetan, OSD(CUS IV), CBEC, New Delhi
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3. All the Members of the CCFC Meeting ...by email
4. BCBA, Mumbai by email.
5. DC/ICD (M),
6. AC/EDI [with a request to upload the Minutes on the Zone website
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