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**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**  
**10.07.2018**

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, was held on 10.07.2018 in the Conference Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	Sh. Tej Contractor	BCBA
3	Mrs. Ganguly	Leena Forwarders
4	Sh. Praful Kamble	MbPT
5	Sh. Kiran Rambhia	BCHAA/BCBA
6	Sh.K. Bhandari	BCBA
7	Sh. Neelesh	AILBIEA
8	Sh. M. C. Kshirsagar	ICCSA (HOPL)
9	P. K. Rout	CISF
10	N. B. Shinde	Immigration

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	Dr. Deepak Sharma	Jt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
4	Sh. Rajesh Kothari	Jt. Commissioner of Customs (Export)
5	Sh. Rasaal Dwivedi	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
6	Dr. Amar Bahadur Singh	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
7	M. K. Shrivastav	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
8	Sh. Satish V Shitole	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Export)
9	Sh. Pankaj Srivastava	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs(Import-I)
10	Sh. Devendra R Verma	Superintendent (PSO)
11	Sh. Hemant	PO/PSO(A)

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 issue at M.O.D is being pursued with the concerned section/division. Issues related to lightning and security is also being pursued with the concerned department. MbPT official also informed that civil work and electrical work is being carried out at MOD. Water logging problem has been sorted out, hence officials working at MOD is not facing any water logging problem. Officials working at M.O.D.

informed that a letter was addressed to Traffic Manager, MbPT dated 15.06.2018 regarding all the issues/difficulties faced by the officials at M.O.D.

Even then, not much progress has been seen in any of the areas such as network connectivity, water logging, inadequate lightning, security, seepage etc. The Chair was appraised by stakeholders that water logging problem has not been resolved yet. The stakeholders informed that the truck entry system is very poor. They have to get clearance from 5-6 counters which results in delay in getting the gate pass. The chair advised MbPT officials to examine and redress their genuine issue and to expedite redressal of the issues like water logging, truck entry system etc. It was decided that a reference may be sent to the Chairman, MbPT on these issues through docks officers enumerating the different issues and steps taken earlier by our officers to bring those issues to the notice of MbPT authorities.

**Action- MbPT.**

5. **Issues raised by ICC Shipping Association w.r.t. Indian domestic shipping .**

As regards point No 05 of the minutes of the last PTFC, a meeting in this regard was held on 02/05/2018 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Deepak Sharma, Joint. Commissioner of Customs, Import-I, NCH, Zone-I where the issues were discussed in detail and it was requested to tabulate the issues w.r.t shipping bills, immigration etc. and present the same in the next meeting. Accordingly, representation has been sent by ICC Shipping Association dated 06 June, 2018 in the tabulated form i.e. current practice followed and its remedial solution for the particular problem. The same has been forwarded to all the concerned stakeholders i.e. CISF, MbPT & Yellow Gate Police Station. The Chair directed that a meeting of all concerned agencies may be called upon to discuss the subject matter on suitable date to expedite the issue. It was further decided in consultation with ICC Shipping Association to hold next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July after the PTFC meeting. However due to bad weather, the meeting could not be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July and it was requested by ICC Shipping Association to keep next meeting on the day of the next PTFC.

**Action- All Stake Holders.**

6. **(i) Issues raised by M/s Leena Forwarders w.r.t. AEO status to get waiver of Bank Guarantee.**

M/s Leena Forwarders vide email dated 06.07.2018 informed that as per AEO Circular 33/2016-Customs Custom Brokers who have been issued AEO status are eligible to get Waiver of Bank Guarantee, furnished under regulation 8 of the CBLR,2013 and requested that the same may be implemented. The chair informed stakeholders that reference has already been sent to Board, CBIC and guidelines to be issued soon.

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

M/s Leena Forwarders vide email dated 06.07.2018 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 MbPT official informed that the issue will be conveyed to the higher authorities. The committee advised MbPT official to examine the issue for ease of doing business and trade facilitation.

**Action- MbPT.**

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

The next PTFC meeting is scheduled to be held on 14.08.2018 at 11.30 AM.



(M. Rammohan Rao)  
Joint. Commissioner of Customs  
Import I, NCH, Zone-I