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MINUTES OF THE 12th CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION
COMMITTEE
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 28.03.2023

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The 12th meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) for Mumbai Customs Zone-I of the F.Y. 2022-2023 was held on 28.03.2023 at 03.30 PM 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. At the outset, Shri. P K. Agrawal, Principal Chief Commissioner, Mumbai Zone-I, extended his greetings and welcomed all the Members of BCBA, AILBIEA, the other trade partners of Mumbai Customs Zone-I and all the PGA representatives. The Chairman made a special mention of the fact that taking an overview of the whole financial year, 2022-23, it is seen that almost all issues raised by Trade have been successfully addressed and resolved. He was informed by ADC PCCCO that no Agenda Point has been received from Trade and other PGAs.

3. The following officers/representatives attended the meeting: -

S.No.	Name & Designation	Organisation
1	Shri Sunil Jain, Principal Commissioner of Customs	General Commissionerate
2	Shri Vivek Pandey, Commissioner of Customs	Import I Commissionerate
3	Smt. Kiran Verma, Commissioner of Customs	Import II Commissionerate
4	Shri R. K. Singh, Addl.	Pr. Chief Commissioner's Office

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	Commissioner	
5	Shri Rajiv Magoo, Addl. Commissioner	Import I Commissionerate
6	Shri Rajkumar V Kendre, Addl. Commissioner	Import II Commissionerate
7	Shri Rajesh Kothari, Addl. Commissioner	Export Commissionerate
8	Shri Vishal Sanap, Addl. Commissioner	Import I Commissionerate
9	Smt. Meghana Moghe, Addl. Commissioner	Import II Commissionerate
10	Shri Amit Kumar Nikalje, Joint Commissioner	Export Commissionerate
11	Shri Eishvaryesh Bhardwaj, Joint Commissioner	Pr. Chief Commissioner's Office
12	Shri Arun Chaudhary, Joint Commissioner	Import II Commissionerate
13	Shri Mewa Ram Ola, Deputy Commissioner	Import I Commissionerate
14	Shri Akshay Patil, Deputy Commissioner	Export Commissionerate
15	Shri Devashya Jyoti Jyotirmoy, Deputy Commissioner	Export Commissionerate
16	Smt. Pritee Chaudhary, FSSAI	Regional Director
17	Shri Sukant Chaudhary, FSSAI	Deputy Director
18	Dr. V Pandey	Plant Quarantine
19	Shri Nageshwar Sabbani, Asst. Drug Controller	Office of the Drug Controller
20	Shri Dushyant Mulani, President	BCBA
21	Shri Hiren Ruparel	BCBA
22	Shri Paresh Thakkar	BCBA
23	Shri Manohar Patyene	BCBA
24	Shri Mark S Fernandes, Chairman	IMC
25	Shri B. Timothy	All India Importers' & Exporters' Association
26	Shri Harsh Lapsiaa	AILBIEA
27	Shri Omprakash Agrawal, MD	Nagarkot Forwarders Pvt. Ltd.
28	Shri Karunakar S. Shetty, Vice President	MACCIA
29	Shri Ashish Pednekar	MACCIA

4. Review on action taken with respect to the Agenda Points sponsored by Principal Chief Commissioner Of Customs, Mumbai

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Zone - I in the CCFC Meeting held on 27.02.2023:-

4.1 On the issue of misunderstanding and / or difficulty faced by trade due to new that HSN code raised in last meeting, the Chairman requested to submit a list of such itemse along with the HSN code so that the issue ca be redressed. President BCBA welcomed the request and assured to do so.

Action: BCBA

4.2 On the issue of clarity on list of items attracting BIS certification taken up in last meeting, Shri. R. K. Singh, ADC/PCCO once again demonstrated as to how to view the same in System. He informed Chairman that the Import-I and II Commissionerate have also submitted link to view such imported item (copy attached). Chairman directed to share the same with BCBA so that it is brought to the notice of all concerned by them. The Point is treated as closed.

4.3 The point regarding delay in payment of duty after assessment pertaining to the last meeting held on 27.02.2023 was taken up next for discussion. The Chairman inquired with Import-I Commissionerate, who had been directed to submit a report in respect of cases where timely and expeditious payment of Customs duty was not made from importer's end and reppy as to whether there has been any improvement in the same since the last CCFC meeting. Shri Rajiv Magoo, Additional Commissioner (Import-I) intimated that there has been no improvement in respect of payment of duty on assessed Bills of Entry for the period after 15th February 2023. As per report of 16th March 2023 duty payment for 170 Bills of Entry was pending and as per report dated 01.03.2023 duty payment for 136 Bills of Entry amounting to of Rs.133 crores was pending. The lack of improvement was further evident from the report generated on 28.03.2023 at 11 am, which showed that there were 180 Bills of Entry pending for payment of duty involving Rs.112 Crores. It was further pointed out that out that majority of these Bills of Entry pertain to clearance of Liquid Bulk Cargo. The Trade assured that they are in communication with not only Customs Brokers but also with Importers to make the required payment on priority basis. The Principal Chief Commissioner informed Trade about the concern expressed by the Cabinet Secretary NCTF on this issue. He observed that there is tremendous Trade facilitation, however the overall time taken from submission of Bs/Entry to payment of duty does not reflect such initiatives adopted by the department. He also stated that despite quick assessment, if the Bills of Entry are pending due to delay in payment, then the purpose of trade facilitation initiatives is defeated. The Trade was requested to submit a time frame and action plan in order to resolve the issue of such large

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pending payments and to avoid such instances in future. Shri.Sunil Jain, Commissioner (General) informed that in every PTFC meeting held collectively by all Commissionerates of Mumbai Zone-I, this issue has been raised and in the last meeting held on 17.03.2023, a list of all Ex-bond Bills of Entry which had been filed more than 3 to 4 days back but are still pending for payment of duty was provided to the Trade and Trade was requested to ensure that the payment is made before 31.03.2023. The Chairman informed that more than Rs.50Cr is stuck in LBC consignment clearance. Pr. Chief Commissioner categorically directed that the Trade should ensure that all pending Customs duties, pertaining to the current Financial Year, are paid by 31.03.2023 positively and asked the CB of LBC to submit payment plan.

Action:- BCBA and AILBIEA

4.4 On the next point of previous meeting regarding the appointment of Nodal Officer from BIS. Shri. R. K. Singh, Additional Commissioner, Principal Chief Commissioners Office informed that the name and details of the Nodal officer is yet to be received from BIS. He reported that a training session was held by Director, BIS, Mumbai at the Auditorium of New Custom house for trade on 17.03.2023, which was well appreciated by the representatives present during the subject meeting. Sh Mark informed Chairman about the well attended meeting and stated that the Trade still harbored a few doubts with respect to BIS compulsory certification, which the Chairman directed them to submit in writing and assured that the same would be communicated to BIS, Delhi by Mumbai Zone-I. Further it was intimated that the report dated 27/02/2023, submitted by the Committee comprising of Shri Rajiv Magoo, Additional Commissioner, Customs (Import - I), Ms.Meghana Moghe, Joint Commissioner, Customs (Import - II) and Director, BIS, formed to examine the issue where an application for BIS registration has been made by the importer but the same was not received and the subject goods have arrived in the country; has also been forwarded to the trade partners for comments. However, no comments has been received from the Trade in the matter till date.

5. Ms. Pritee Chaudhary, Principal Director, FSSAI who joined the meeting was welcomed by the Chairman. He requested her to consider holding a Training Session on food related issues in New Custom House and in respect of FSSAI requirements to clarify any doubts of trade. Ms. Pritee Chaudhary, assured that such a training session would soon be scheduled. Further, she intimated that Shri Sukant Chaudhary, Deputy Director, FSSAI would be readily available to clarify doubts, if any, for officers as well as Trade.

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6. Principal Chief Commissioner, Mumbai Zone-I took the opportunity to inform Trade that Revenue amounting to more than 15000 Crores has been collected by this Zone till date, which is around 7% more than the revised target of this Zone. He thanked the M/V importers especially M/s SKODA and the Liquid Bulk Cargo importers.

7. Trade expressed their gratitude for the efforts taken by the Principal Chief Commissioner in arranging a joint meeting with the Chairman, MbPA which provided them with an opportunity to air their grievance and getting issues resolved. They also expressed their sincere appreciation towards the Mumbai Customs Zone-I team of officers for their cooperation.

8. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chair.

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

RAVINDRA KUMAR SINGH
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

Copy to:

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