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	<p style="text-align: center;">कार्यालय, आयुक्त सीमा शुल्क, आयात-I OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT-I) मूल्य निरूपण(सामान्य), प्रथम तल, नवीन सीमा शुल्क भवन APPRAISING (GEN) 1ST FLOOR NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, बॅलार्ड इस्टेट, मुंबई-I BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI – 1, Fax-022-22757402, Email – Ag1.mumbai@gov.in</p>
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MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 24.02.2023

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, was held on 24.02.2023 at 12:30 PM in the Conference Hall, 2nd floor, New Custom House, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sunil Kumar Jain, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General). The following Stakeholders attended the meeting:

SR. No	NAME OF THE MEMBERS	ORGANISATION
1	Shri Manohar Patyane	BCBA
2	Shri Mark Fernandes	INC
3	Shri Tej Contractor	BCBA
4	Shri Prachi Budawanwala	HPCL
5	Shri Samir Sanghavi	SUFI
6	Smt. Richa Medi	HPCL

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

SR.NO.	NAME OF THE OFFICER	DESIGNATION
1.	Shri Chetan Kumar Jain	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
2.	Smt. Kiran Verma	Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
3.	Shri Vivek Pandey	Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
4.	Shri Vishal Sanap	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
5.	Shri Rajiv Magoo	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
6.	Shri Rajkumar V. Kendre	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
7.	Smt. Meghna M Moghe	Jt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
8	Dr. Meva Ram Ola	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
9.	Shri P. Digvijayam	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)

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10.	Shri N S K Rao	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
11.	Shri Mahesh Kumar	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
12.	Shri P C Sekhar	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)

3. At the outset, the Chairman extended his greetings and welcomed the team of BCBA and other Stake holders. The Chairman was informed that there are no specific agenda points received from the stakeholders for the PTFC meeting. The Chairman stated that the concerns raised during the last meeting have been sorted out and since there are no agenda points, the difficulties faced and minutes of the last meeting can be taken up for discussion.

4. Taking into the account of the minutes of the Previous PTFC Meeting, the Customs Brokers and Other stake holders stated that due to lack of clarity, it is challenging for them to decide as to which import items are covered under the BIS requirements and which are not covered. Shri Mark Fernandes, Chairman, IMC, also pointed out the difficulties in application of BIS particularly in case of Steel. It was also stated that for Hot Rolled Steel Plates which now are under the purview of BIS but particular grades do not cover under the BIS because of their chemistry and mechanical properties. He further, stated that due to lack of clarity, there is ambiguity in the application of BIS provisions.

After the discussion on the issue, the Chair emphasized for a compulsory training on BIS for all Customs Brokers and stake holders especially for those who are regularly dealing in import items having BIS compliance. The Chair also stated that this training will be a very useful tool to all. Further, he explained that there are two things 1st; the ambiguity in the application of BIS and 2nd is lack of knowledge of applicability on the various products. Whether it is lack of knowledge or non- compliance of BIS, in both the cases, the trade should be sensitized about law of the land and the knowledge of applicability of BIS provisions.

Shri Vivek Pandey, the Commissioner of Customs, Import (I) also suggested to the Customs Brokers and Other stake holders to prepare a questionnaire on difficulties in BIS related issues, which can be shared with BIS Authorities in advance to make the training more inter-active and beneficial.

Rajiv Magoo, the Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Import-I informed that the representative from BIS, Shri Tushar Sharma, Deputy Director was contacted and it would be assured that BIS training for trade will be conducted in the Month of March, 2023. It was also informed that as per CCFC decision, PCCO is also in the process of holding such training session.

5. The Chair also emphasised to BCBA Members/CBs that importers must file their Ex-Bond Bills of Entry as and when they are ready to pay the duty and require goods for their consumptions as a number of EX-Bond Bills of Entry are filed well in advance and remain pending for duty payments with importers. Shri Rajiv Magoo, the Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Import (I) also informed that the list of such Bills of Entry pending for the duty payments are regularly being circulated vis e mails to BCBA for compliance. On this, Manohar Patyane, Member,

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BCBA informed that each and every time they circulate the pendency list to their members for urgent compliances. He also informed that BCBA is arranging a meeting on this issue with their members.

6. Ms. Richa Modi from HPCL informed that they had 419 cases of provisionally assessed Bills of Entry. Out of 419, most of Bills of Entry have been finally assessed but few are still provisional. She also informed that from their side, they have submitted all the relevant documents to the department. On this, after discussion, the chair assured her that this issue of finalisation of their provisionally assessed Bills of Entry would be sorted out by 15th of March, 2023.

7. Shri Sameer Sanghvi from SUFI stated that it has been observed that whenever two or more Advance Authorizations are used in the same Bill of Entry, invariably in both there is 100% chance that BGs and same bond amount will be debited, and thus they have to re-call the Bill of Entry for re-assessment after debiting the bond amount as applicable in the B/E and this issue is all over India. On this, the chair asked him to make detailed submission of the issue and assured that the issue will be taken up with DG (System).

8. Shri Vivek Pandey, the Commissioner of Customs, Import-I, stated that in Mumbai Custom House in the assessment of Bs/E, there is strict monitoring about raising the queries by assessing officer and this resulted in lesser queries. He further informed that in September, October, 2022, there were around 30% queries and now we have only 12-15% queries and there is hardly any second queries from FAGs Groups and this reflects that queries raised are going down as no frivolous queries are raised by the assessing officers. He further informed that Dwell Time in clearance of import consignments is also been closely monitored. However, in some outlier cases where deviant assessment practices may be found especially pertaining to other FAGs, the trade raises it at the time of live consignment but becomes silent once it is resolved through TSK or anonymized escalation mechanism. BCBA was requested to request their members to write to us about the deviant assessment practices (repeated improper queries, repeated first check orders without basis, etc.) by any FAG so that the matter can be taken up with the Commissioners of that FAG.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)

(Rajiv Magoo)

Addl. Commissioner of Customs
Appraising (General), Import –I
NCH, Zone-I

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- iii. The Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Appraising (General), Import-I&II, NCH, Mumbai.
- iv. The Asst./Dy. Commissioner of Customs, EDI, for uploading in Customs website.
- v. All the members of trade through E-mail