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MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 05.02.2025

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, was held on 05.02.2025 at 04:00 P.M. in the Conference Hall, 2nd floor, New Custom House, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Shri Rajan Chaudhary, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General). The following partners from Trade attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name of the Members (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Organization
1.	Mark S. Fernandes	IMC Chamber of Commerce
2.	Om Prakash Agrawal	Nagarkot Forwarders Pvt. Ltd.
3.	Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
4.	Sanjeev Harale	Chairman, BCBA
5.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
6.	Shri Karunakar S Shetty	MACCRA
7.	Domnic J Corriea	MANSA
8.	P.V. Kamble	Deputy Traffic Manager, MBPA
9.	Santana Manna	Senior Engineer, MBPA
10.	V. K Yadav	Senior Assistant Traffic Manager, MBPA
11.	Disha Telang	Senior Assistant Traffic Manager, MBPA

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Officer (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
1.	Vivek Pandey	Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
2.	Aslam Hasan	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
3.	Dr. Arvind Ghuge	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (General)
4.	Neelesh Rautkar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
5.	Mazid Khan	Joint Commissioner of Customs (General)
6.	Nidhish Vinayak Singhal	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
7.	Arshdeep Singh	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)
8.	Suresh Sukumaran	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (General)
9.	Radha Aravindakshan	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)

3. At the outset, the Chairman extended his greetings and welcomed the new team of BCBA and other stakeholders.

4. With the permission of chair, Shri Nidhish Singhal, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import –I) informed that three new agenda points had been received for the day's meeting and one pending point related to previous PTFC meeting was also to be discussed.

5. Shri Nidhish Singhal presented the first agenda point received from Shri Mark S. Fernandes, Director, Sylvester & Co. regarding the establishment of Offshore Container Terminal (OCT) in Mumbai port. He pointed out that despite the agreement signed by the Mumbai port Authority in December 2008 for the creation of OCT, it has not been commissioned yet.

In response, Shri Santanu Manna, Superintending Engineer, MbPA informed that Mumbai port had appointed ICTPL (Indira Container Terminal Private Limited) for designing and constructing the OCT. However, the bank which was to fund the ICTPL for construction of OCT was liquidated and the matter went into litigation and arbitration. The brief summary of litigation status in respect of OCT was provided by MbPA and the same was forwarded to BCBA and Sylvester & Co. for their information and reference. In this regard, the chair suggested to take up matter further to higher authorities for proper and quick resolution of the issue.

6. Shri Nidhish Singhal presented the second agenda point received via email from Shri Mark S. Fernandes, Director, Sylvester & Co. regarding allowing the dock entry-permit holder to enter and exit Mumbai Port through the Green gate.

In this regard, Shri Praful Kamble, Deputy traffic manager, Mumbai Port Authority said that Shri Bipin Jadhav, Deputy commissioner of Customs has been requested to look into the matter of allowing entry and exit from Green gate. Additionally, he mentioned that Green gate is currently being considered for de-notification and it may be shifted to another location. Shri Praful Kamble, further informed that a committee consisting of members from Customs and Mumbai port has been formed which has visited the various places in Mumbai port area and noted the areas which require infrastructural development.

7. Shri Nidhish Singhal presented the third agenda point received via email from Shri Mark S Fernandes, director, Sylvester & Co, regarding the steps being initiated by Mumbai Port Authority to attract and process cargo in large volume at Mumbai port.

In this regard, Shri Praful Kamble, informed that MbPA has conducted meeting with various stakeholders to facilitate trade and attract cargo at Mumbai port. New facilities such as declaring export vessel in advance before three days for steel export and expanding the car storage area for export of cars has been provided. Moreover, misting equipment's will be installed at various location to settle the dust and protect cargo from damaging. He further asked the BCBA to put up specific proposal before MBPA for more facilities which they may require in Mumbai port.

Regarding the poor condition of roads in Docks and nearby area, Shri Vivek Pandey, Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) advised Shri Mark S Fernandes and BCBA team to take the photographs of roads requiring improvement and present them in upcoming PTFC meeting. He further suggested presenting these photographs at the upcoming PTFC meeting would provide greater clarity on the situation and facilitate suggestion regarding appropriate action.

8. Thereafter, Shri Nidhish Singhal addressed the pending point from the previous PTFC Meetings. In the previous PTFC meeting it was directed that upon receipt of relevant data for the period from October to December 2024, the working group on query analysis would analyse the data and prepare the presentation which will be discussed in upcoming PTFC meeting.

Shri Harsh Lapsia conveyed that the relevant data was obtained last week. However, some analysis is still pending and further assured that the analysis will be completed at the earliest and will be presented in the upcoming PTFC or CCFC meeting, whichever is scheduled first.

9. Shri Nidhish Singhal invited the members to present any new agenda points for discussion. Shri Sanjeev Harale, Chairman, BCBA, revisited the issue concerning the re-import of goods rejected by overseas buyers. He highlighted that, in such cases, the Bill of Entry is assessed with nil GST by default, requiring its recall and reassessment to reflect the correct GST amount. In this regard, Shri Harale presented five specific cases for analysis where the Bills of Entry require reassessment. Shri Nidhish Singhal instructed Shri Harale to provide a detailed brief of these cases, clearly mentioning the exact issues to be analyzed along with suggestions for resolution.

Additionally, Shri Sanjeev Harale raised the issue of the negative marking scheme in the G Card examination. He referred to the Public Notice dated 04.03.2019 issued by Tuticorin Customs, which abolished the negative marking in the written examination for the G Category exam. He requested that similar changes be implemented in the G Card examination conducted by Mumbai Customs, as this would help increase the passing percentage. In this regard the chair directed Shri Sanjeev Harale to submit his written proposal for further action.

10. As there were no further points for discussion, the meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.

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

Nidhish Singhal
Joint Commissioner of Customs,
Appraising (General), Import -I,
NCH, Zone-I.

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