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MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 28.01.2026

The second fortnightly Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, for the month of January, 2026, was held on 28.01.2026 at 03.30 P.M. in the Conference Hall, 2nd floor, New Custom House, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Shri Amrendra narayan, Commissioner of Customs (Import-II). The following partners from Trade and PGAs attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name of the Members (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Organization
1.	Vijay Kumar Singh	Director,(BIS)
2.	Dr.Brajesh Mishra	Joint Director, RPQ
3.	Sanjeev Harale	President (BCBA)
4.	Karunakar. S. Shetty	Vice President (MACCIA)
5.	Mark S. Fernandis	Partner (Sylvester Co)
6.	Domnic J Corriea	Senior Manager (MANSA Member)
7.	Kiran Rumbhier	BCBA
8.	Shantaram	Ship Agent (Samsara Shipping)
9.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA (Sai Jyoti Cleaving)
10.	Deepak Khune	Manager Operations (Samudra Marine Services PVT Ltd.)
11.	P.V. Kamble	Dy. Traffic Manager(MbPT)
12.	Chaitnaya K. Raut	Dy. Traffic Manager (MbPA)
13.	V K Yadav	Sr. Asst. Traffic Manager (MbPA)

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Officer (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
1.	Aslam Hassan	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
2.	Shraddha Joshi Sharma	Commissioner of Customs (Audit/Addl. Charge of Gen.)
3.	Dr. Subhash Yadav	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
4.	K. K. Prasad	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Export)
5.	Mohan Singh Dorai	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (General)
6.	Amit sharma	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (General)
7.	Nitin Tadade	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (General)
8.	Vikram D. Phadke	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
9.	Rahul Joldapke	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)
10.	S.K.R.Reddy	Dy.Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)

11.	Aditya Kumar Dutta	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (General)
12.	Santosh Sonawane	Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Export)
13.	Devendra Agrawal	Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Audit)

2. At the outset, the chairman extended his greetings and welcomed the representative from various PGAs and other stakeholders.

3. With the permission of Chair, Shri Vikram D. Phadke, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) informed that one agenda point has been received for the day's meeting from SylvesterIndia.

4. Shri Mark S. Fernandis, Partner of SylvesterIndia, discussed the following points-

POINT NO.1:

Filing of export documents which were earlier done manually, have recently being mandated to be filed online. This has resulted in delays.

It was requested that the S/Bill filed, must be assessed within 24 hours, so that the Ship Stores/ Supplies being made do not get damaged in the Port.

In reply, Shri Aslam Hassan, Commissioner of Export informed that all Shipping Bills filed in the system are being assessed and cleared within 24 hours and there is no pendency of Shipping Bills beyond 24 hours at the level of the Export Commissionerate.

(Action:- General/Export Commr.)

POINT NO.2

Request for a Nodal Officer who could assist the Trade on weekend and Holidays be deputed and his Mobile No. to be shared.

In reply, Shri Aslam Hassan, Commissioner of Export informed that the issue has already been discussed in earlier PTFC meetings. It was informed that a holiday posting roster is being issued by the Commissionerate for ensuring 24x7 port clearance, including during weekends and holidays. However, it was acknowledged that certain operational issues may arise on holidays due to lack of coordination among officers handling different functions.

It was assured that the matter would be reviewed and streamlined to improve coordination among officers on holidays and to ensure smooth and effective facilitation of trade.

(Action:- General/Export Commr.)

POINT NO.3

LEO AND EGMS are not uploaded in the System by shipping agents/lines resulting in Queries being raised by Customs on ship chandlers/CHAs/CBs /suppliers/Exporters who have no role to play, under Sections 41 & 50 of the Customs Act, 1962. He requested to look into the matter.

In reply, Shri Aslam Hassan, Commissioner of Export informed that Section 41 of the Customs Act, 1962 mandates filing of the Export General Manifest (EGM) within the stipulated time by the Shipping Agent. In the event of failure to file the EGM within the prescribed time, the Shipping Agent becomes liable for penal action as per law.

It was categorically informed that Show Cause Notices (SCNs) have been issued only to Shipping Agents, who are statutorily responsible for filing EGMs, and not to Customs Brokers (CHA/CBs) or Exporters.

The Export Commissioner further pointed out that timely filing of EGMs is essential for trade facilitation, as disbursement of duty drawback is legally linked to successful filing of EGM. Non-filing or delayed filing of EGMs creates a legal impediment in processing and sanctioning drawback claims, thereby adversely affecting exporters.

It was also informed that adequate time and multiple opportunities were provided to Shipping Agents to file pending EGMs. However, in cases where EGMs remained pending for more than one year, the Department was legally bound to initiate action.

The Export Commissioner further informed that any procedural difficulties in filing EGMs, such as missing Shipping Bills or system-related issues, may be examined and addressed during the course of personal hearing at the adjudication stage.

(Action:- Export Commr.)

5. Sanjeev Harale, President, BCBA raised an issue that in previous year's G-Card examination for Customs Brokers, two new reforms were introduced, namely removal of negative marking and reduction of passed percentages. It was pointed out that in view of these changes these examinations to be conducted periodically at fixed intervals, so as to provide adequate opportunities to eligible candidates.

In reply, Commissioner of Customs (Audit/Addl. Charge of Gen.), Smt Shraddha Joshi Sharma informed that the G-Card examinations are conducted based on demand analysis and further informed that there is not fixed frequency prescribed for conducting such examinations. However, assured that the issue raised would be examined and appropriate action would be taken accordingly.

(Action:- General Commr.)

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

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

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(Vikram D. Phadke)
Addl. Commissioner of Customs
Appraising (General), Import -I
NCH, Zone-I.

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