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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 27.02.2023**

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The 11th meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) for Mumbai Customs Zone-I of the F.Y. 2022-2023 was held on 27.02.2023 at 11.30 AM 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. The following officers/representatives attended the meeting: -

| Sr. No. | Name & Designation (Shri/Ms.) | Organization |
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| 1. | Sunil Jain, Pr. Commissioner of Customs | O/o of the Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General), Mumbai Customs, Zone-I. |
| 2 | Kiran Verma Commissioner of Customs | Import II Commissionerate, & Export Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I. |
| 3 | Vivek Paney Commissioner of Customs | Import I Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I. |
| 4 | Ashok Kr. Kothari, Commissioner of Customs | Audit Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I. |
| 5 | C K Jain, Commissioner of Customs | Export Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone I |
| 6 | R. K. Singh, Addl. Commissioner | O/o the Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs, |

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| | | Zone-I |
| 7 | Rajiv Magoo, Addl. Commissioner | Import-I Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I. |
| 8 | Rajkumar V. Kendre, Addl. Commissioner | Import-II Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I |
| 9 | Rajesh Kothari, Addl. Commissioner | Export Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I |
| 10 | Vishal Sanap, Addl. Commissioner | Import-I Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I |
| 11 | Amit Kumar Nikalje, Jt. Commissioner | Export Commissionerate |
| 12 | Eishvaryesh Bhardwaj, Joint Commissioner | O/o the Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I |
| 13 | Om Prakash Agrawal | Nagarkot Forwarders |
| 14 | Meva Ram Ola Dy. Commissioner | O/o of the Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General), Mumbai Customs, Zone-I |
| 15 | Arun Kr. Choudhary Dy. Commissioner | Import-II Commissionerate, Mumbai Customs, Zone-I. |
| 16 | Shubham Chaudhary | BIS |
| 17 | Chirag Kumar | BIS |
| 18 | Nageswar Sabbani, Asstt. Drug Controller | Office of the Drug Controller |
| 19 | Jayant Lapsia, President | AILBIEA |
| 20 | Harsh Lapsia | AILBIEA |
| 21 | Vaishali Kulkarni | COSIA Cosia Advisor |
| 22 | B. Timothy | All India Importers and Exporters Association |
| 23 | Karunakar Shetty | MACCIA-VP |
| 24 | Ganpat Kanade | BCBA |
| 25 | Dushyant Mulani, Sr. VP | BCBA |
| 26 | Manohar Patyene | BCBA |
| 27 | Harsh Lapsia | BCBA |
| 28 | Saurab P Engineer | BCBA |
| 29 | Samik C Sangha | SUFI |
| 30 | T.S.S.V. Prasad | Textiles Committee |
| 31 | S H Tiwari | MbPA |
| 32 | Mark S. Fernandes | IMC |

3. At the outset, the Chairman extended his greetings and welcomed all the members of BCBA, AILBIEA and all other trade partners of

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Mumbai Customs Zone-I to the CCFC meeting of Mumbai Customs Zone-I. He also greeted PGA representatives.

4. At the beginning of the meeting, The Chairman informed that all functionalities and facilities with respect to Customs Broker Licence Management System (CBLMS) portal are now operational. As all modules of CBLMS portal are active now, all types of correspondences like offence report, order with respect to any offence, issuance of Customs Broker licence, suspension/cancellation of licence, revocation of licence etc. would be processed electronically. He further added that updation of Customs Brokers' profile in CBLMS portal is almost completed. He requested BCBA to ensure submission of remaining other policy section (OPS) details asked for by Department. Once this exercise is over, Customs Brokers are required to validate their other policy details in the portal to avail all facilities of CBLMS portal. Shri Dushyant Mulani, representative of BCBA, on behalf of the trade, conveyed sincere gratitude to Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs and the entire team of CBLMS for such great achievement and the support extended to their members towards onboarding them onto CBLMS.

5. REVIEW ON ACTION TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE AGENDA POINTS SPONSORED BY PRINCIPAL CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, ZONE – I IN THE CCFC MEETING HELD ON 30.01.2023:

5.1. Shri Ravindra Kumar Singh, The Additional Commissioner of Customs, PCCCO informed the Chair that there is inordinate delay in payment of customs duty by the importers/customs brokers after assessment of B/Es. Shri Rajiv Magoo, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Import I Commissionerate, provided a statistical report that as on date around 94 Crore Customs Duty is yet to be paid with respect to 157 BEs which includes Ex-Bond BEs as well as green channel BEs i.e. RMS facilitated cargo. On being enquired by the Chair for such delay in payment of duty, Shri Dushyant Mulani informed that the delay is also due to system issue. They have forwarded complaint to ICEGATE in this regard. The Chairman directed Import Commissionerate – I, to submit a report in respect of delay in payment of customs duty for the period after 15th February, 2023 to check as to whether there is improvement in timely payment of duty.

5.2. Shri R. K. Singh, The Additional Commissioner of Customs, PCCCO, informed that in the last CCFC meeting, BCBA pointed out that

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HSN code available in PGAs website with respect to certain goods do not match with new HSN directory revised w.e.f. 01.01.2022. BCBA was requested to submit a list of such items along with the HSN code. The Chair again requested all representatives of PGAs to upload the updated out of scope items on their websites. He further informed that he would hold a meeting with all PGAs . He also directed Import Commissionerate I and II to prepare a list of major items which are being imported through INBOM1 on regular basis with the help of BCBA vis a vis the applicability of BIS certification in respect of the same.

5.3. In the last CCFC meeting it was decided that BIS would appoint a nodal officer from their department for addressing any queries relating to BIS- both of the trade as well as the department. The details of the nodal officer viz. name, contact number, e-mail and other details was required to be shared with trade and industry/importers. The nodal officer for BIS is yet to be appointed by BIS. The representative of BIS informed that they have noted the point and the name of the officer and other details would be communicated soon.

5.4. Shri Ravindra Kumar Singh, The Additional Commissioner of Customs, PCCCO, informed that as per the agenda point no 5 of the last CCFC meeting held on 30.01.2023, a committee comprising of Shri Rajiv Magoo, Additional Commissioner of Customs (Import – I), Ms Meghana Moghe, joint Commissioner of Customs (Import – II) and Director of BIS was 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. The committee after going thorough the relevant Act, Rules and Regulation relating to BIS and Customs Act opined that BIS compliance must be followed before the product leaves the premises of the manufacturing unit which has been granted the BIS licence and who accordingly has the authority to affix BIS marks/logo etc. on the subject goods, otherwise, the import would be in violation of BIS provisions and the goods are liable to be confiscated. The Chair directed to circulate the aforesaid Committee report among the trade associations for offering their comments on it.

5.5. Regarding erratic Login problem with ICEGATE and problem in filing provisional BE, Shri Ravindra Kumar Singh commented that the matter has been taken up with DG System. In this context, Shri

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Dushyant Mulai informed that the system is working properly since last seven to eight days and presently, there is no problem in filing BE/SB. The Chair informed a Public Notice has been issued with respect to the issue for waiver of late submission charges which are being incurred due to erratic functioning of ICEGATE/EDI system, i.e., in cases where such delay in filing B/Es is attributable to system issues alone.

6. POINTS SPONSORED BY BCBA AND IMC ;

BCBA and IMC raised a number of grievances viz. tremendous traffic congestion on P D Mellow Road leading too much time to make entry /exit in/from port, the deplorable condition of road connectivity under the Eastern Freeway, uncontrolled traffic on the road connecting to port to MOD, Creation of Offshore Container Terminal etc which are required to be addressed in consultation with MbPA. The Chair informed that this office has already requested Vhairman MbPA for fixing a suitable date and time for a joint meeting. The meeting has been fixed on 16.03.2023 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Hall, New Customs House. BCBA representative proposed to invite a representative from CISF while holding the joint meeting with MbPA and the chairman agreed to it.

7. POINTS SPONSORED BY BCBA:

Shri Dushyant Mulai, proposed to maintain a register in every Commissionerate in respect of issues pertaining to assessment/classification/valuation etc., as the case may be, showing the details viz., e-office file no, subject of the file and decision taken on the issue, so that the same file can be referred to in future by them or members of trade on similar types of issue with the department. The Chair, in this context, commented that e-office is a purely intra-departmental system. Only departmental officers can access any e-office file. Shri C K Jain, Commissioner of Customs, Export Commissionerate, informed that any decision taken in the file, including e-office file, relating to any aspect like assessment/classification/valuation etc., would be communicated to the concerned person/trade. Such communication will have e-office File No which can be referred to by the trade in future cases on similar types of issues with the department. Hence, it was agreed by all that this mechanism will take care of the concerns of the trade adequately.

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

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

RAVINDRA KUMAR SINGH
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

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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
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It is reiterated that as per BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations 2018, licence to use or apply Standard Mark (under Scheme I - Conformity assessment scheme for Grant of licence to use or apply ISI Standard Mark on goods and articles as per Indian Standard, or Scheme II - Conformity assessment scheme for Grant of licence to use or apply Standard Mark through registration based on self-declaration of conformity for goods and articles as per Indian Standard) is granted for products manufactured in a manufacturing premises. The manufacturing premise is where the manufacturing activity is carried out and where Standard Mark is to be used or applied.

Provisions are in place to allow affixing MRP labels etc. in compliance to RE-44 conditions before OOC of the goods. However, the same cannot be allowed for BIS for reasons stated herein above.

Yours faithfully,

(Meghana Moghe)

Joint Commissioner of Customs
Import-II, NCH