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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS  
(IMPORT-I)

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**MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 20.08.2025**

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, for the month of August, 2025, was held on 20.08.2025 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	Organization
1.	Hiren Ruparel	Vice President, BCBA
2.	Sanjeev Harale	President, BCBA
3.	Kiran Rambhia	BCBA
4.	Mrs. Leena Ganguly	Founder, AIWCBA
5.	Mark S. Fernandes	Sylvester & Co.
6.	Roshan Irani	AIWCBA
7.	Ganpat Korde	Vice President, BCBA
8.	Ashok Kuamr Sain	BCBA
9.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
10.	Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
11.	Samir Sanghavi	SUFI

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Officer (Shri/Smt./Ms.)	Designation
1.	Shri Praduymn K. Tripathi	Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
2.	Shri Amrendra Kumar	Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
3.	Shri Tagade Nitin	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (General)
4.	Dr Subhash Yadav	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
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	Shri Krishna K Prasad	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Export)
6.	Shri Rahul Joldapke	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)
7.	Shri Bipin Jadhav	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (General)
8.	Shri S.K.Reddy	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)

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

4. With the permission of chair, Shri Vikram Phadke, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) informed that three new agenda points had been received for the day's meeting from Mrs. Leena Ganguly, AIWCBA. With respect to agenda point No.01 Automation of Procedures by Recognized Association (BCBA) and agenda point 02 Collection of Sensitive Documents by BCBA, since the points were related to BCBA the chair directed Ms. Leena Ganguly to take up the matter with BCBA to which Shri. Sanjeev Harale, President, BCBA assured the chair that the matter will be resolved immediately. With regard to the third agenda point on the Protection of Customs Brokers (CBs) from initiating proceedings under CBLR, 2018 when the CB is made noticee in the SCN under Customs Act, 1962, the Chair highlighted that actions and procedures are aligned with the respective regulatory frameworks.

5. In the previous PTFC meeting held on 23.07.2025, Shri Pradyumn Tripathi, Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) had requested the BCBA and other trade stakeholders to provide their suggestions and inputs aimed at reducing dwell time. However, Shri Pradyumn Tripathi, Commissioner of Customs, Import-I observed that few suggestions were received from BCBA and the suggestions received do not comprehensively address all aspects related to dwell time reduction. He again requested BCBA to submit more concrete, specific, and focused inputs to help achieve this objective.

6. As there were no previous pending point for discussion, Shri Vikram Phadke invited members to share any new agenda point for discussion. Shri Hiren Ruparel, Vice President, BCBA raised the point regarding requirement of an affidavit by Post Master General, India post in cases where National Savings Certificates (NSC) are misplaced or lost. He mentioned that in such cases the Post Master General asks to submit the affidavit from Customs. In this regard, Shri Bipin Jadhav, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, CBS informed that no such cases have come to the notice of this office so far. However, he assured that if any specific instances are brought to light, appropriate action will be taken.

7. Shri Samir Sanghvi, Director, Steel Users Federation of India (SUFI), raised a query regarding the requirement for obtaining prior permission



from the Commissioner in cases involving punch sealing of Over Dimensional Cargo (ODC). He stated that such a requirement adds to the dwell time. Shri Sanghvi further expressed concern over the ambiguity in the definition of ODC cargo, suggesting that steel cargo should not be classified as ODC. Shri Amrendra Kumar, Commissioner of Customs (Import-II), clarified that this is in accordance with the procedure laid down in the relevant Board's circular.

8. Shri Sanghvi also raised a concern regarding the levy of safeguard duty on steel imports. He pointed out that safeguard duty is being levied on all Bills of Entry, regardless of whether it is applicable, resulting in the need for reassessment of each Bill of Entry. In response, Shri Pradyumn Tripathi, Commissioner of Customs (Import-I), informed that a letter has already been forwarded to DG Systems highlighting this issue, and it is being taken up on priority.


9. Shri Domnic, MANSA (Shipping Agents Association) raised the point regarding the amendment process for the Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM), previously known as IGM. Currently, once a SAM amendment is successfully completed in the Customs ICEGATE systems, the data is not automatically transmitted to the Port systems (NLP & IPORTMAN). This lack of auto-transmission leads to delays in final delivery to importers and necessitates duplicate work within the Port systems. In this regard, the Chair assured that this issue would be taken up with the Mumbai Port Authority for timely resolution.

10. Shri Hiren Ruparel raised the issue regarding e-Bond facility should be implemented soon. In this regard, Shri Pradyumn Tripathi, Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) stated that operationalization of e-Bond for paying e-stamp duty in Maharashtra is under consideration. This office is following up with Government of Maharashtra for the same and it was also requested to the trade body/ representative to follow up the same with Government of Maharashtra.

11. Shri Sanjeev Harale expressed gratitude to the Chair for the issuance of Public Notice No. 22/2025-26, which reduces the qualifying percentage for the G-Category examination to 50%. He mentioned that this step will be of great benefit to candidates appearing for the said examination.

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-I).

  
15/9/25  
(Vikram D. Phadke)  
Joint Commissioner of Customs  
Appraising (General), Import -I  
NCH, Zone-I.

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