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MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 03.01.2025

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, was held on 03.01.2025 at 04:00 P.M. in the Conference Hall, 2nd floor, New Custom House, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Shri Rajan Chaudhary, Principal 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.	Sorab Engineer	Advisor BCBA
3.	Sanjeev Harale	President, BCBA
4.	Manohar Patyane	BCBA
5.	Nirav Thakker	BCBA
6.	V. K. Yadav	MBPA
7.	Praful.V. Kamble	Deputy Traffic Manager, MBPA
8.	Ashish Pednekar	USIIC
9.	S. D. Parab	MACCIA
10.	Om Prakash Agrawal	Nagarkot Forwarders Pvt. Ltd.
11.	Harsh Lapsia	BCBA

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.	Priya Goyal	Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
3.	Kundan Yadav	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (General)
4.	Neelesh Rautkar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
5.	Prashant Chauhan	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
6.	Arshdeep Singh	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)

7.	Mazid Khan	Joint Commissioner of Customs (General)
8.	Nidhish Vinayak Singhal	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
9.	Tikendra Kumar Kripal	Dy.Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
10.	S.K.Reddy	Dy.Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
11.	Radha Aravindakshan	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)

3. At the outset, the chairman welcomed the team of BCBA and other stakeholders for the first meeting of the new year.

4. Shri Nidhish Singhal, Joint Commissioner of Customs, Import-I Commissionerate, informed the Chair that no new agenda points were received for discussion for the day's meeting. However, a point pending from the previous PTFC meeting was taken up for deliberation. This pertained to the presentation to be prepared by the Working Group on query analysis.

In this context, Shri Harsh Lapsia apprised the forum that, as per discussions during the CCFC meeting, the relevant data fields for the period October to December 2024 would be provided by the second week of January 2025. Upon receipt of the requisite data, the Working Group will undertake its analysis and prepare the presentation, which will subsequently be discussed in the forthcoming PTFC meeting.

5. Shri Nidhish Singhal then informed the Chair that there is update regarding the repair of the Container Scanner located at the Container Scanner Division (CSD) in the Wadi Bunder area. Shri Tikendra Kumar Kripal, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Import-I, apprised that technicians from Bharat Electricals Limited (BEL), the authorized vendor for the Container Scanner, had visited the CSD. During their visit, they provided a written assurance to the Directorate of Logistics (DOL) stating that the Container Scanner would be fully operational by the end of March, 2025.

6. Shri Nidhish Singhal asked the members to inform if there are any fresh points for discussion. Shri Sanjeev Harale, Chairman, BCBA, brought up the issue related to the re-import of goods when exported goods are rejected by the overseas buyer. He informed that in such cases, any export benefit availed at the time of export must be surrendered. Upon re-import, the Bill of Entry is filed and assessed with 'Nil' duty. However, in the 1.5 ICES system, the IGST is also assessed as 'Nil' by default.

Consequently, the said Bill of Entry has to be recalled and reassessed to reflect the correct IGST amount.

In this regard Shri Harale suggested that if an exporter opts to surrender the export benefit, there should be an option in ICEGATE at the time of filing the Bill of Entry to allow the IGST amount to be appropriately reflected. This would eliminate the need for recalling and reassessing the Bill of Entry, which is currently a manual process.

In response, Shri Vivek Pandey, Commissioner of Customs (Import-I), recommended that BCBA prepare a comprehensive list of all Customs processes where the recalling of the Bill of Entry is presently required. He further suggested highlighting processes where such recalls are redundant. Based on this list, processes requiring recall would be automated in the system to eliminate manual intervention. Further, Shri Vivek Pandey requested Shri Sanjeev Harale, Chairman, BCBA, to submit a detailed written representation regarding the issue for further examination and action.

7. Shri Mark Fernandes raised the issue concerning the establishment of the Offshore Container Terminal (OCT). He pointed out that despite the agreement signed by the Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) in December 2008 for the creation of the OCT, it has not yet been implemented.

In response, Shri Praful Kamble, Deputy Traffic Manager, MbPA, clarified that the matter is currently under litigation/arbitration. Shri Vivek Pandey, Commissioner of Customs, Import-I, requested Shri Mark Fernandes to submit a written representation detailing all issues and concerns related to the creation of the OCT. He further instructed that a copy of the representation be sent to the concerned section of MbPA to enable them to analyze the issues and present their responses in the next meeting. Shri Vivek Pandey also suggested that MbPA officials provide a brief summary of the litigation or arbitration matter concerning the OCT to BCBA for reference.

Additionally, Shri Mark Fernandes raised a point regarding permitting port users to enter and exit through the Green Gate. Shri Praful Kamble, Deputy Traffic Manager, MbPA, informed the forum that the matter is currently under consideration.

8. Shri Praful Kamble, Deputy Traffic Manager, Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA), informed the Chair and attendees about the steps being taken to address the issues of inadequate infrastructure and Wi-Fi connectivity in the Docks area. He apprised that a committee has been constituted to inspect the affected areas. The committee is scheduled to meet in the first week of January 2025 to deliberate on the findings and decide the future

course of action.

9 . Shri Praful Kamble also conveyed that the Mumbai Port Authority is actively exploring measures to attract more cargo and is willing to provide concessions to make trade through Mumbai Port more economical. He requested the BCBA to submit a suitable proposal outlining the facilities required for handling cargo in large volumes, which would enable the Port Authority to assess and implement necessary measures to support trade.

10. As there were no further points for discussion, the meeting concluded with a formal 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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