

MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 22.06.2023

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, was held on 22.06.2023 at 03:30 PM in the Conference Hall, 2nd floor, New Custom House, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Shri Sunil Kumar Jain, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General). The following Stakeholders attended the meeting:

| SR. No | NAME OF THE MEMBERS | ORGANISATION |
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| 1. | Shri Dushyant Mulani | BCBA |
| 2. | Shri Harsh Lapsia | BCBA |
| 3. | Shri Paresh Thakkar | BCBA |
| 4. | Shri Nirav Thakkar | BCBA |
| 5. | Shri Mark Fernandes | IMC |
| 6. | Shri Om Prakash Agarwal | NAGARKOT FORWARDERS PVT LTD |
| 7. | Shri Rahul J Joshi | OM FREIGHT FORWARDERS |
| 8. | Shri Sanjeev Harale | BCBA |

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

| SR.NO. | NAME OF THE OFFICER | DESIGNATION |
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| 1. | Smt. Kiran Verma | Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) |
| 2. | Shri Vivek Pandey | Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 3. | Shri Rajiv Magoo | Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 4. | Shri Vishal Sanap | Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 5. | Shri Deepak Sharma | Addl. Commissioner of Customs (General) |
| 6. | Shri Amit Kumar Nikalje | Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export) |

| 7. | Dr. Meva Ram Ola | Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Import- I) |
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| 8. | Shri Sudhir PB | Senior Director (NIC) |
| 9. | Shri Mahesh Kumar | Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) |
| 10. | Shri H.D.Gawai | Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) |
| 11. | Shri P.Digviyam | Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) |

3. At the outset, the Chairman extended his greetings and welcomed the team of BCBA and other Stake holders. Shri Dushyant Mulani, Chairman BCBA, extended his warm regards and felicitated the Chairman and Shri Deepak Sharma, ADC/General Commissionerate, for his excellent and efficient conduction of G category examinations held on 11.06.2023. They also informed that 1644 students had applied for the said exam and the result of examination was declared within 24 hours. The questions were very relevant covering various aspects of The Customs Act, 1962 and tested the acumen of the applicants. The Chairman informed that the G-category exam, that was conducted after 7 years, has be tough enough to test the good knowledge of the aspirants as it places a heavy responsibility on them to carry out their duties in correct adherence of all existing laws. The question paper was set in such a way that the aspirants candidates should do not take the G Category Exam lightly and should come better prepared in future. Negative marking was introduced in the MCQ paper so that the effect of probability could be reduced and the candidates attempt the questions solely based on knowledge and confidence.

4. Shri Dushyant Mulani, Chairman BCBA, informed that due to breakdown in the RMS System, which had lasted for a day (12.06.2023), large no. of Bills of Entry are pending at the ports of Mangalore and Chennai which are not getting cleared. The Bills of Entry of other ports are cleared in FAGs this Zone but the same of this zone are not getting cleared in time bound manner. The Chairman suggested that he would talk to his counterparts at Mangalore and Chennai and suggested to Shri Rajiv Magoo, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I), to co-ordinate and send emails to AC/DCs at Mangalore and Chennai immediately to get the matter resolved.

5. On the issue of pending refund of duty on canalization charges of HPCL, in which department has sought documents from HPCL for finalization of the issue, Shri P. Digvijayam, AC Oil Unit/1A, informed that he had not received

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any documents from HPCL as a proof of their claim of refund. The Chairman explained the issue in detail to Shri P. Digvijayam and informed him that the HPCL Officials have informed that all requisite documents have already been submitted in the Oil Unit of Custom House and directed that issue may be resolved at the earliest preferably within 15 days as the same is pending for very very long period. On another issue of HPCL where finalisation of Bill of Entry is pending because the system is not allowing amendment in quantity in Ex-Bond Bs/E, it was directed that possibility of finalisation on filing of manual Bills of Entry can be explored if no solution is emanating form DG, Systems Office.

6. Shri Dushyant Mulani, Chairman BCBA, raised the issue regarding Eoffice in which he stated the past references of issue like classification, valuation and provisional assessment are hard to find in E-office files. The Chairman stated that the instructions regarding, assessment, classification, valuation are very much available with Group Appraisers. He also stated that the Bills of Entry in which any particular case is detected, a new file is opened and it is up to the Group appraiser in which file he is putting up the case. It was suggested to the House that for each and every case specific file may be opened in e-office with specific subject so that at later stage the same can be retrieved for reference purpose. Shri Vivek Pandey, Commissioner Import-I, stated that these cases sometime are being put up in "Miscellaneous files" or "Provisional assessment files" and these files can be searched by entering the Subject.

At last, the BCBA members once again thanked the Chairman for the conduction of the G-category examination and hoped for continued diligence in conducting the same in future and requested that next examination may be conducted within 6 months.

The Meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

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

(Rajiv Magoo) Addl. Commissioner of Customs Appraising (General), Import –I NCH, Zone-I

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- 2. The Pr Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs (General, Import II, Import-I, Export), NCH, Mumbai
- 3. The Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Appraising (General, Import-I & II), NCH, Mumbai.
- 4. The Asst./Dy. Commissioner of Customs, EDI, for uploading in Customs website.
- 5. All the members of trade through E-mail.