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	<p>कार्यालय, आयुक्त सीमा शुल्क, आयात-I OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (IMPORT-I) मूल्य निरूपण(सामान्य), पृथम तल, नवीन सीमा शुल्क भवन APPRAISING (GEN) 1ST FLOOR NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, बॅलार्ड इस्टेट, मुंबई-I BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI – 1, Fax-022-22757402, Email – Ag1.mumbai@gov.in</p>
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MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 25.04.2023

A Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Mumbai Customs Zone-I, was held on 25.04.2023 at 04:00 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
1.	Shri Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
2.	Smt. Prachi Budawanwala	HPCL
3.	Smt. Richa Modi	HPCL
4.	Shri Om Prakash Aggarwal	Nagarkot Forwarders Pvt. LTd.
5.	Shri Mark Fernandes	IMC
6.	Shri Karunakar S Shetty	MACCIA
7.	Shri Paresh Thakkar	BCBA
8.	Shri Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
9.	Shri Manohar Patyane	BCBA
10.	Shri Vinayak Aparaj	BCBA

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

SR.NO.	NAME OF THE OFFICER	DESIGNATION
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.	Smt. Meghna M Moghe	Addl. Commissioner of Customs

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		(Import-II)
5.	Shri Kumar Gaurav	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
6.	Shri Amit Kumar Nikalje	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)
7.	Dr. Meva Ram Ola	Dy. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
8.	Shri Mahesh Kumar	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)

3. At the outset, the Chairman extended his greetings and welcomed the team of BCBA and other Stake holders to the 1st PTFC Meeting of current Financial Year. The Chairman was informed that there are no specific agenda points received from the stakeholders for the PTFC meeting. The Chairman stated that the concerns raised during the last meeting have been sorted out and since there are no agenda points, the difficulties faced and minutes of the last meeting can be taken up for discussion.

4. Shri Mark Fernandes, IMC, raised the issue of current scenario regarding difficulties being faced by trade in the payment of Customs Duty after introduction of ECL w.e.f 01.04.2023. He informed that once the duty is paid, it does not gets reflect on ICE-GATE. On next day amount returns back to their ECL account and system again asks them to pay the duty with interest. They pay the duty again but the same does not gets integrated. In addition to that, Shri Dushyant Mulani, BCBA informed that, 25 days have passed since the launch of ECL system, still intermittent problems are being faced. Some of the problems being faced are following:

- a. challans not visible
- b. duty debited and again credit is available on ECL
- c. the ECL top up amount does not get credited to pay duty once again.
- d. registration of ECL account and OTP problems persists.
- e. the banks give letter that the amount is credited in ICEGATE New Account but the same does not gets reflect in BE and duty payment status report is either pending or failed.
- f. once the challan is utilized on the same challan second time payment is rejected by the Bank.

He further added that the situation has improved a lot in last 7-8 days

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but the system needs to be perfect in all respects after 24 days from introduction. On this, the Chairman assured him that CBIC and DG Systems Team is on the job and working day and night to ensure that these teething problems get resolved in coming days. He further suggested that specific e mail address be given where they can send matter related to ECL for debit the duty from Back end.

5. Shri Om Prakash Aggarwal, Nagarkot Forwarders Pvt. LTd. informed that a vessel containing their cargo of automobiles is coming around 28th April and Customs duty on the cargo is around Rs. 500-600 Cr. He requested the chairman that it must be ensured that Challans get connected to the paid duty as the present scenario is very erratic due to newly introduced ECL system. Also this amount is so big that importer will not be able to pay it again if there will be any problem during the payment of duty in ECL system. On this, the Chairman assured him that such high duty payment of the cargo of that vessel will be specially monitored and if any problem is noticed during the payment of duty, System Directorate Team would be contacted immediately to address the problem on priority basis.

6. Ms. Richa Medi of HPCL, thanked Smt. Kiran Verma, Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) and Smt. Meghna M Moghe, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) for their help in finalization of old pending Ex-Bond Bills of Entry. She further stated that they are unable to finalize few Ex-Bond Bills of Entry due to system not allowing them to amend the quantity. She informed that there is facility in EDI System to amend the quantity but due to some update in system last month this facility is not available now. In this regard, the matter was discussed at length and the Chairman assured her that this matter will soon be sorted out and asked Smt. Meghna M Moghe, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) to look into the matter and sort out at the earliest.

7. Ms. Richa Medi of HPCL, also stated that during the period 1992-1997, department charged customs duty on canalization charges. It was later decided in 1997 that customs duty will not be charged on canalization charges. The matter was finally remanded back by Commissioner Appeal in 2003. A letter was written by HPCL to the department for finalization of the issue pertaining to Canalization charges and also request was also made for supply of OIO issued in this regard. They pointed out that instead of receiving the copy of which OIO, HPCL received a letter dated 28.03.2023 from Asst. Commissioner stating that , the department has filed second appeal in CESTAT. However, Commissioner Import II stated that no such letters could have been issued by their office. Considering the pendency of finalization of the matter for so long

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and continuous persuasion by HPCL in this regard, on suggestion being made by Commissioner Import II, the chairman agreed that Commissioner Import II may form a special task force to sort out the matter latest by 15th May 2023.

8. Shri Dushyant Mulani, BCBA raised the issue regarding the specific examination order for Bills of Entry pertaining to import of Re-Import cargo, Old and Used Second Hand Goods and Hazardous Cargo. He stated that from few FAGs it is observed that for such cargo also, general Examination Order are being endorsed which result in recall and reassessment of Bills of Entry resulting delay in clearance process. He suggested that there should be standardized of Examination Orders so that the examination of these cargo can be done in efficient manner. On this, the Chairman assured him that the matter would be looked into and respective Face less Assessment Groups to make sure that the examination order given is specific to the Re-Import Goods, Second Hand Import and Hazardous Cargo. Sh Rajiv Magoo, Additional Commissioner, Import-I informed that the respective NACs are also into the issue of Standardisation of Examination Orders.

9. Shri Dushyant Mulani, BCBA, raised the issue regarding the language of the consultative letters issued by the Audit Commissionerate to the Importers. He produced a consultative letter issued by the Audit Commissionerate wherein in the consultative letter Duty and Interest were demanded and simultaneously the importer was asked to submit the relevant documents. He further added that the language used in the consultative letters give feeling of SCN. On this, the Chairman stated that Consultative letter is only a letter to make the other side aware of the specific findings of the audit. He further stated that importer should be given chance to submit the relevant document. After discussion on a length, the chairman assured that a reference would be made to the Audit Commissionerate for improvising the content of the CL to make it more effectively communicative to the importers for deriving maximum information.

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

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

(Rajiv Magoo)

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Addl. Commissioner of Customs
Appraising (General), Import –I
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