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Madam/Sir,

Please find attached minutes of the 20th review meeting on the functioning of Central Revenue Control Laboratory (CRCL) held on 22.04.2025 at Mumbai Customs Zone – I.


Regards,

**Chief Commissioner of Customs' Office
Mumbai Customs Zone-I**



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14-05-2025

**MINUTES OF THE 20th REVIEW MEETING ON THE FUNCTIONING OF
CENTRAL REVENUE CONTROL LABORATORY (CRCL) HELD ON 22.04.2025
AT MUMBAI CUSTOMS ZONE – I**

The 20th Review meeting on the functioning of Central Revenue Control Laboratory (CRCL) at Mumbai Customs Zone-I was held on 22.04.2025 at 4.00 PM in the Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, New Custom House, Mumbai, under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitish K. Sinha, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

2. The following officers/representatives attended the meeting:

SN.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Rajan Chaudhary	Pr. Commissioner of Customs (G)
2	Shri Pradyumn Tripathi	Commissioner of Customs (Import I)
3	Shri Aslam Hassan	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
4	Shri Amitkumar Nikalje	Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO)
5	Shri Neelesh Rautkar	Additional Commissioner of Customs (Import II)
6	Shri Arshdeep Singh	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)
7	Shri Dinesh Kumar	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, CCO
8	Ms. Reena P. S.	Chemical Examiner, Gr. I, CRCL, New Custom House, Mumbai Zone-I
9	Smt. Mukta Srivastava	Chemical Examiner, Gr. I, CRCL, New Custom House, Mumbai Zone-I
10	Shri Jagat Singh Rana	Chemical Examiner, Gr. II, CRCL, New Custom House, Mumbai Zone-I

3. At the outset, Ms. Reena P. S., Chemical Examiner, Gr. I welcomed the Chair and then the Chair extended his greeting and welcomed the officers present in the meeting. The Chair commenced the meeting by examining the report on action taken with respect to last CRCL meeting held on 22.01.2024.

4. With respect to monitoring the time taken from drawl of sample till test report generated, Ms. Reena P. S., Chemical Examiner, Gr. I in the previous meeting had informed the Chair that the average time taken for testing of samples is approximately 3 to 4 days. In this regard, the Chair had suggested that focus should be to bring down the average time as the consignments are live and it impacts timely import clearance and the dwell time at the ports. In this regard, CRCL has submitted that efforts are made to expedite the testing of samples. Some samples takes longer time as it requires instrumental as well as wet quantitative analysis for keeping the level of accuracy and that there was a need for seeking additional staff in CRCL, Mumbai as regular work gets delayed due to increase in narcotics samples..

The Chair directed the CRCL to send proposal seeking additional staff. Copy of the said letter would be marked to General Commissionerate. Further, the Chair instructed the Pr. Commissioner (Gen) to take up the matter with Director, CRCL.

[Action: CRCL]

5. On the issue of equipment /instruments required by the CRCL laboratories, in the previous meeting it was informed that funds under O.E. budget head are not available. In this regard, CRCL submitted that Laboratory had got the required fund in OE (office expenses) in the month of March to pay the pending bills. The unutilized amount in the heads like IT and Machinery & Equipment were surrendered in the month of January, 2025.

As the financial year had completed and new financial year have started and budget work have been completed, the Chair instructed to close this point.

(Action: Closed)

6. In previous meetings, Commissioner of Customs (Import-II) had informed that CRCL has changed the methodology of identifying Base Oil since December, 2023. The samples sent for testing with similar specifications are identified under Industrial White Oil, which CRCL earlier used to identify under the Base Oil. It was further informed that for the time being, Bills of Entry are provisionally assessed and released as the importers are declaring goods as Base Oil vis-à-vis CRCL reporting the samples of goods as Industrial White Oil.

In this regard, CRCL has submitted that CRCL, Delhi had provided some guidelines. Accordingly, as per guidelines and new standards i.e. IS 18722/2024(pt.1), laboratory had reviewed 250 Base Oil reports (Import II). In this regard, Additional Commissioner (Import-II) informed that now the sample reports provided by CRCL are

satisfactory. Therefore, the Chair has instructed to the close the points as issue has been resolved.

(Action: Closed)

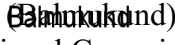
7. In the previous CRCL meeting, it was informed to the Chair that CRCL staff are often being called by Investigating Officers in the NDPS Cases to brief the issue before the Panel Counsel without Court Summons/directions. In this regard, Principal Commissioner (General) was directed to request the investigating agencies such as NCB/DRI/SPIB in Mumbai Jurisdiction to not call the CRCL officers in a routine manner but only through established procedures and to also consider option of virtual appearance/briefing so that the testing and reporting work does not get hampered.

In this regard, CRCL has submitted that discussions have been held with the investigating agencies to follow the established court procedures while calling the CRCL officers for appearing before the court. Henceforth, during the quarter January-March, 2025, for all the court appearances except one case, staff received summons/PP's letter for appearing as witness. As the CRCL staff now receive summons/PP's letter for appearing as witness in Court, the Chair instructed to close this point.

(Action: Closed)

8. There were no further point for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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

Signed by

Additional Commissioner
Date: 14-05-2025 18:20
CCO, NCH, Mumbai

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