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**Minutes of the meeting with Sectoral Trade Associations of Mechanical Machinery (Chapter 84/ NAC 5/5E/5N) held on 23.04.2026 at Import Commissionerate, ACC, Mumbai Zone-III.**

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A meeting with stakeholders of Sectoral Trade Associations of Mechanical Machinery (Chapter 84) was organized on 23.04.2026 under the chairmanship of the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Import Commissionerate, ACC, Mumbai.

**2. The following Trade and Industry Associations were invited:**

- i. Brihanmumbai Custom Brokers Association (BCBA)
- ii. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- iii. Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)
- iv. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- v. Indian Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association (IMTMA)
- vi. Textile Machinery Manufacturers' Association (TMMA)
- vii. Plastics Machinery Manufacturers Association of India (PMMAI)
- viii. Nucov Facilitrade
- ix. Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA)
- x. Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce & Industry
- xi. Peenya Industries Association
- xii. Bidadi Industries Association
- xiii. Mysore District Small Scale Industries Association
- xiv. Electronic City Industries Association
- xv. Bommasandra Industries Association
- xvi. Madras Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- xvii. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**3.** The following members from the Trade and Industry Associations participated virtually in the meeting:

- i. Ms. Aparajita Roy, India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA)
- ii. Shri Praveen B. (KASSIA)

**4.** Further, the following officers from the department participated in the meeting:

- i. Shri Dheeraj Rastogi, Principal Commissioner of Customs, ACC Import Delhi.
- ii. Ms. Sucheta Sreejesh, Commissioner of Customs, ACC Bengaluru.
- iii. Shri Neelesh Rautkar, Commissioner of Customs (In-situ), ACC Import, Mumbai-III.
- iv. Shri Tagadi Manjunath, Additional Commissioner of Customs, ACC Import, Mumbai-III.
- v. Shri Mazid Khan, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, NS-V, JNCH, Mumbai, Zone-II.
- vi. Shri Madhusudan Reddy, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Customs.
- vii. Shri Itha Ramalingeswara Rao, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, ACC Import Mumbai Zone-III.
- viii. Shri Devendra Singh Bhadoria, Assistant Commissioner of Customs Delhi Customs.
- ix. Shri Umesh Dutt, Assistant Commissioner of Customs.

**5.** The Principal Commissioner of Customs (Import), ACC, Mumbai, Zone-III, welcomed all representatives of Trade/Associations and departmental officers to the meeting. He stated that the main agenda of the meeting is to discuss and deliberate upon the issues, if any, being faced during the assessment of goods falling under Chapter 84.

**6.** Since no agenda point was received in advance, the forum was made open to the participants to take up any issue for discussion/deliberation.

**7.** After the forum was opened for discussion, Shri Praveen B. (KASSIA) raised certain issues on behalf of the State Polymer Association, inter alia, in respect of delays in clearance under faceless assessment due to repeated queries and extensive documentation, difficulties in valuation and residual life

assessment of second-hand machinery under Chapter 84 including non-acceptance of Chartered Engineer certificates, and challenges in classification owing to complex nature of Customs classification and Chapter Explanatory Notes. Further, he suggested the creation of a centralized documentation repository for known importers, importing particular machines from different ports, empanelment of standardized Chartered Engineers, and establishment of sector-specific expert support for importers.

In response to the issues raised, the Principal Commissioner of Customs (Import), ACC, Mumbai, Zone-III, stated as under:

- a. **Regarding delays under faceless assessment:** Trade was advised to escalate cases of delay at the Bill of Entry level through AEM/TSK mechanisms and also bring specific instances along with port-wise details to the notice of the Department. It was emphasized that such cases are tracked seriously for timely resolution.
- b. **Regarding classification issues under Chapter 84:** It was emphasized that assessing officers are required to be well-versed with classification provisions, including relevant Section Notes, Chapter Notes and General Rules of Interpretation. Trade was advised to highlight specific recurring issues for appropriate remedial action.
- c. **Regarding Chartered Engineer certification for second-hand machinery:** It was informed that certain changes in this regard are under consideration by the Board.
- d. **General advisory:** Trade was advised to submit issues in advance for more meaningful and effective deliberation during such meetings.

**8.** As no further point was raised, the meeting was concluded.

This issues with the approval of the Principal Commissioner of Customs (Import), ACC, Mumbai, Zone-III.

Asst. Commissioner of Customs,  
Gr.5/5E/5N, Import (Mechanical  
Machinery), ACC, Mumbai-Zone-III.

To,  
All the Sectoral Associations.

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1. The Convener (Chief Commissioner of Customs), NAC - 5 (Mechanical Machineries), Mumbai Customs Zone-III.
2. The Principal Commissioner/ Commissioner of Customs, ACC Delhi/ Chennai/Chennai-II Import/ Kolkata Port/ Bengaluru/ Mumbai-I/ Mumbai-II/ Mundra.