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MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 08.12.2017

The monthly meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) was held on 08.12.2017 at 11.30 A.M. and was presided over by the Chairman, Shri S. Anantha Krishnan, Commissioner of Customs(Export), ACC, Sahar. Following officers and representatives from the stakeholder organizations participated in the meeting:

Name & designation of departmental attendees	Organization
Shri Raju Sakthivel, Addl. Commissioner (Export)	Customs, ACC
Shri P. K. Agrawal, Addl. Commissioner (Export)	Customs, ACC
Shri Pawan Khetan, Jt. Commissioner (Import)	Customs, ACC
Shri Prag Singh, DC(General)	Customs, ACC
Shri Kailas Vinayak Karkhile, AC(Import)	Customs, ACC
Shri M. C. Shaik, AC(Import)	Customs, ACC

Name of attendees from stakeholder organizations (Sh./Ms.)	Organization
D. Adimallaiah	WCCB
Vandana V. Zope, A. Sekhri, R. B. Bidkar, K. D. Dhule	Air India
Manoj Singh, Cdr. Lokesh (Retd.), Mayilvanan T., Mohamed Nasir, Nandan Kanchan, Ashok Satavase,	MIAL (Custodian)
Dushyant Mulani, Ketan Desai, Sorab P. Engineer, Kaushal Thakker	BCBA (formerly known as BCHAA)
Nitin Desai, Paresh Shah	WISA
Mohnish G. Charania, Bala Ayer	ACAAI
Jyotsna Patil, Prashant Karale	Jet Airways
Ajit Sakhene	Collector of Stamp

1. Points from the previous PTFC meetings which were taken up for discussion:

A. Import on personal IEC allowed only upto 50,000/-

In the previous meeting, ADC (Import) informed that a draft Public Notice on the issue has been forwarded to the Chief Commissioner's Office for approval. Final decision on the issue will be taken shortly. The Jt. Commr.(Import) informed that the issue has been escalated to Chief Commissioner's Office, Zone-II and the same is under consideration with consultation of DGFT and the final decision will be taken in due course.

It is informed that DGFT has issued an Order in this regard allowing free import on personal IEC with subject to some certain conditions.

In the instant meeting, the Joint Commissioner of Customs, Import, ACC informed the house that the officers posted in the concerned Groups are sensitized and directed to follow the DGFT statutory provisions for Import limit on personal IEC. If any hardship persists the concerned may approach the JC/Import.

[Point closed]

B. Temperature controlled facility for Meat, Fish, Frozen foods:

In the previous meeting, the representative of MIAL intimated that the process of modifying an additional temperature control unit to -25°C is in progress. As the technical parts for this conversion needs to be imported, the whole process will take about 6-7 months time.

The representative of MIAL stated that they have already converted the existing cold storage chamber into freezer for Meat, Fish and Frozen Foods. The same is under testing and observation and assured the house the inputs will be given within 10 days whereas the facility will be live by the end of this year.

In this instant meeting the representative of MIAL informed that the machine is operational now. The chairman stated that the stakeholders may submit their feedback on the facility provided by the MIAL.

One of the representatives of the ACAAI requested the Chairman that same facility should also be made available for Export goods. The chairman suggested that the trade may submit their written representation to MIAL for provision of the temperature controlled facility for meat, fish, frozen foods for Export consignments.

[ACTION: MIAL/ACAAI]

C. Weeding out old Dockets

In previous meeting, representative of M/s Newgen intimated that after scanning, the files/dockets are stored in the boxes and placed at the Pipeline Warehouse. However as the storage space at the warehouse is fully occupied, these dockets are lying in the Shed. The documents of 2011 are already available in soft copy, they may be permitted to weed out the documents of 2011, thus creating storage space for the documents of the current year.

MCD(I) Section informed that they have sent a letter to Document Management Systems M/s. Newgen Software Technology permitting them to weed out the dockets of export of the year 2011 also to Cargo(Admn), GVK, MIAL, Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai.

The representative of MIAL stated that they had already started moving the old records and at present they are planning to move the scanned copies of 2015 and 2016 in co-ordination with M/s. Newgen from the Import Warehouse Marol for creation of more space for current documents. Also to note that there are lot of files, records, documents are lying in the shed and office areas for which proper list is required for shifting the same. After getting permission from Customs Deptt. the same will be effectively shifted and weeded out.

The chairman expressed his displeasure on not much progress in the matter and directed the representative of M/s. Newgen for early weeding out of old record.

[Action: M/s. Newgen, MIAL]

D. LEO are not reflecting in DGFT

In the previous meeting the representatives of ACCAI informed that many shipping bills which are given LEO in the ACC, Mumbai, are not reflecting in DGFT website with the result, it requires re-transmission. They further they informed that submit the Shipping Bill/LEO to SEVOTTAM Desk and the officer at SEVOTTAM Desk transships the Shipping Bill/LEO to DGFT.

In the instant meeting the Chairman informed the house that the core switches are going to be changed and hoped that the problem will be go away on introduction of new switches.

[Action:JC/Export(Shed)]

E. Simplification of HSS procedure:

In the previous meeting, the representative of BCBA stated that as a measure of Ease of Doing Business and PN 121/2017 issued by JNCH and requested to discontinue the process of registration of HSS agreement with Import Noting Section.

The chairman informed the house that Public Notice no. 42/2017 has been issued in respect of discontinuation of High Sea Sale registration in Import Noting section, ACC, Sahar.

[Point Closed]

F. Simplification in 1st time Import procedure

In the previous meeting, the representative of BCBA stated that procedure of 1st time import registration after roll out of GST needs to be reviewed for registration in time bound manner.

The chairman informed the house that the matter is under examination.
[Action: ADC/Import]

G. Offloading of Export Cargo

In the previous meeting, the representative of ACAAI stated that offloading of export cargo from the agent's truck is slow in Air India and MIAL areas. No supervisor on the truck dock areas.

The representative of MIAL informed the house that they have set-up a separate office for management of offloading trucks and displayed the contact details of the concerned person in case of any hardship is faced by trade.

In the instant meeting the representative of Air India informed that the Export Shed (Air India) works 24X7 in three shift. In each shift there is one manager for monitoring the work. If any problem is face by any concern he may contact the manager to resolve the problem on spot.

The trade representative expressed that there is very poor working facility in Air India Export Shed. The chairman directed the representative of Air India to put extra loaders and other facility to improve the condition. Air India was also requested to display Mobile Number of concerned person. This will help the trade for quick solution of problems faced by trade.

[Action: AIRINDIA]

H. Crediting of Drawback In SBI, ACC Branch

In the previous meeting, the representative of ACAAI stated ICEGATE has transmitted incorrect account number of exporters who hold accounts in the State Bank of India, ACC Branch with the result several exporters have not received their drawback. About eight to nine thousand shipping bills have been returned by the bank to customs. All these shipping bills will now go to manual mode. We request that all above shipping bills should be processed without any delay and within one week from the time the application is made by the exporter.

The Chairman informed the house as informed by the representative of SBI Bank, the sanctioned Drawback amount could not be credited into the bank account of concerned exporters due to truncation/distortion of the 13-digit Account Number into 11-digit Account Number. Accordingly, a Public Notice No. 40/2017 dated 20.11.2017 has been issued.

[Point closed]

I. SCN for drawback for period which already been closed

In the previous meeting, the representative of ACAAI stated exporters are once again receiving SCN for drawback for the period which has already been closed and SCNs are dropped. They requested that all shipping bills should be closed immediately after SCN is dropped.

The chairman stated that the suggestion will be taken up for closing of Shipping Bills in the system.

[Action: DBK(X)]

J. NOC for import of Vaccine

In the previous meeting the representative of BCBA informed the house that while import of vaccine the documents were only transferred to ADC for their NOC. Now for some of the days it has been noticed that import vaccine is also being transferred to Animal Quarantine for NOC as well as ADC NOC which causes undue delay of consignment.

The chairman stated that this is system (ICES 1.5) error and the same will be taken up with the DG(System) and Single Window Team of CBEC to resolve this at the earliest.

[Action: AC/EDI]

2. **New Points raised in this meeting**

A. **Waiver of Late sub fee in term of Notification 26/2017 NT should be available on the same day.**

In the instant meeting the representative of BCBA informed that at present trade is experiencing delay of atleast 2 – 3 days to obtain the waiver of Late submission charge, for the delay which is beyond the control of the trade. We request that waiver should be available on the same day of the application to avoid payment of penal demurrage charges and to facilitate timely clearance. They also requested to the MIAL authorities should also waive the demurrage charges arisen due to the procedural timing for waiver of late submission charge.

The chairman stated that the matter will be examined and the action will be taken accordingly.

The representative of MIAL stated that the waiver is being granted on examination of genuineness of the delay on case to case basis.

[Action: AC(EDI)/MAIL]

B. **Unrelated items being marked to PGAs**

In the instant meeting the representative of BCBA stated that unrelated items are being marked to PGA. For example Non-food items are being marked to FSSAI in a major way. We have given the cases also to the authorities.

They requested that a single window clearance system be suitably amended to avoid marking of unrelated products to PGAs on urgent basis. Till such time, instructions be issued in writing to the import shed for ensuring release of such unrelated consignments without sending them to the PGAs.

[This point collectively discussed with the point 1(J)]

C. **Increase in dwell time due to non-intimation of arrival of cargo by FedEx, UPS**

In the instant meeting the representative of BCBA informed that on account of late intimation for arrival of cargo by carrier such as FedEx, UPS etc., there is increase in dwell time for clearance. This results in delay of clearance and non-compliance of Custom Notification No. 26/2017 NT which mandates filing of Bill of Entry in advance or on the same day of arrival.

They suggested that there should be proper accountability of such stakeholders, who should be made to follow the compliance and endeavor of CBEC for timely clearance of Import consignments. At present, trade is suffering delay in clearance, payment of demurrage charges, payment of late submission fee etc. on account of these carriers.

The representative of MIAL stated that the lapse will be identified and they will conduct a separate meeting with the responsible authorities of FedEx and UPS to resolve the issue.

[Action: MIAL, FedEx, UPS]

D. **Proper working of 24x7 facility**

In the instant meeting the representative of BCBA stated that for timely clearance of import / export cargo, CBEC has introduced 24x7 schemes. However it is experienced that all stakeholders are not available to facilitate clearance under 24x7. In spite of presence of Custom Officers, the other stakeholders such as Airlines, Console Agents are not available on holidays, 2nd Saturdays and even on normal working day also they have restrictive working hours.

They suggested that for reduction of dwell time for clearance, all stakeholders must follow the guidelines issued by CBEC.

The chairman stated that this zone has already issued a Public Notice 1/2015 dated 02.01.2015 and 46/2016 dated 15.12.2016 and Board had also issued a circular no. 22/2012-Cus dated 07.08.2012 in this context and disobedience of the said PN will be viewed seriously.

[Action: All Airlines/All console Agents/ACAAI]

E. Non-compliance of norms laid down under GST by Air India

In the instant meeting the representative of BCBA informed that Air India is still not following the Pure Agent concept for invoicing under GST regime. They requested that authorities should ensure that Air India follows the instructions in order to smooth role out of GST.

The representative of Air India stated that they have introduced GST based invoicing system.

[Closed]

F. Goods Registration counter required in each import shed for timely clearance

In the instant meeting the representative of BCBA informed that at present, trade is experiencing delay for Goods Registration as there is only one counter in the Air India Shed for clearance of import consignments. As already represented vide their letter No BCHAA/KD/443/2017 dated 1/8/2017 they requested that goods registration counter be available in each import shed.

The chairman stated that the issue will be examined by the Customs.

[Action: AC/EDI]

G. Online Facility for payment of Amendment charges

In the instant meeting the representative of ACAAI informed the house that for payment of amendment charges, the payees have to follow very long procedure. Any amendments charges on BE should appear on TR-6 and there should be access in ICES 1.5 system that Appraiser could input this charge so that the payee can pay the amendment charges online. This will save them going to cash counter for payment of amendment charges. This will save time and thus reduce dwell time.

The chairman stated that the matter will be examined and action will be taken accordingly.

[Action: AC/EDI]

3. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chairman.

This issues with the approval of the Chairman of the PTFC, Commissioner of Customs (Export), Mumbai Customs Zone-III.


(Pawan Khetan)

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