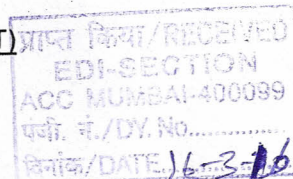


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**MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
03.03.2016**

The fortnightly meeting of the **Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee** was held on **03.03.2016 at 11.00 A. M.** and was presided over jointly by Shri .Anil Kumar Gupta, Commissioner of Customs (Export) and Shri J.P.Singh, Commissioner of Customs (General). The following officers and representatives from the stakeholder organizations participated in the meeting:-

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Name/ Designation of Departmental Attendees Shri/Ms	Organization
Shri Sugriva Meena, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC
Dr. S. S. Dhavale, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC
Shri D. P. Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC

Name of Attendees from other stakeholder organizations Shri/ Ms	Organization
Manoj Singh, Mayilvanan T., Mohd. Baqir Agha, Cdr. Lokesh (Retd.), Mohamed Nasir	MIAL (Mumbai International Airport Ltd -Custodian)
Rajiv Desai, Paresh Sangani, C.A. Veeramani,	BCHAA(Brihanmumbai Custom House Agents' Association)
Bala Ayer, Loknath Rai, Mohsin G. Charania	ACAAI (Air Cargo Agents Association of India)
Shashi Paul	Drug Inspector(Assistant Drug Controller)
Sukdev Bangar	M.C.G.M (Octroi)
S. Pandit	AIR INDIA
Ms R.K. Dalal	AIR INDIA
Y.V. Rathod	AIR INDIA
Mrs. V.V. Deshmukh	AIR INDIA
Harish Zade	Lufthansa
Sanjay P.	Emirates
Prasad Gengusethi	Emirates
Mark Fernandes	IMC
L.V. Shah	Customs Broker

Points from the previous PTFC Meeting which were taken up for discussions:

- i. Storage of hazardous material in shed should be carried out in isolated warehouse and not in Export/Import shed.

The Commissioner of Customs (Export) directed the representatives of both the custodians to take necessary actions in this regard as discussed in the last meeting and also requested them to submit latest safety audit reports (by 10th March, 2016) before the next PTFC meeting.

[ACTION: MIAL, AIR INDIA & CUSTOMS]

- ii. Can a combined Bill of Entry be filed for multiple shipments i.e. multiple MAWB and HAWB having individual separate invoices.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) requested the representatives from BCHAA to submit the issues in detail giving the pros and cons of implementing the same.

Additional Commissioner of Customs (Import) informed the house that the representatives of BCHAA have requested to dealing this matter of the proceedings of the PTFC being policy matter. This request of BCHAA has been accepted by the chair. The commissioner of customs (Export) directed Additional Commissioner of Customs (Import), Appraising (Main) to examine the issue after receipt of the said representation from the trade.

[POINT TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

iii. Issues pertaining to the Clearance of Precious Cargo:

Dr. S. S. Dhavale, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import), informed the house that upon examination of this issue, a draft Public Notice in this regard has been uploaded on the website seeking comments/suggestions from the trade by 15th March, 2016.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) requested all the concerned stake holders to offer their valuable opinions/comments in this regard. So that comprehensive Public Notice can be issued.

[ACTION: AIRLINES & OTHER STAKEHOLDERS]

iv Inconsistency in transmission of online DO is resulting in increased dwell time and transaction cost. Request for reiterating the provisions of P/N 09/2015 dated 17.07.2015 to ensure immediate transmission.

It was informed by the representative of BCHAA that the Freight Forwarders are not transmitting the online DO immediately to the custodian but would be transmitted later without providing any confirmation of online DO transmission which result in delay for delivery of their shipments from the custodian (MIAL or Air India).

The Commissioner of Customs (Export) asked the representatives of ACCAI and BCHAA to act as per the provisions of P/N 09/2015 dated 17.07.2015 and if any complaints in this regard are noticed, the same should be brought to the notice of the concerned Freight Forwarders/their associations. Despite such reference if issue is not resolved by the Freight Forwarders then only, the same may be brought to this forum i.e. PTFC.

[ACTION:ACAAI & BCHAA]

v. There is a need for the service centre to migrate from cash payment to online NEFT, RTGS &cheque payment for their services rendered. Suggest to adopt system followed by Document management (DMS) where advance coupons are issued and purchase by the CB's in bulk and there are assigned later to respective jobs during clearance process.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed the house that the facility has already been started from 1st March, 2016.

[POINT TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

- vi. **Frequent disruption of EDI system and provision of an engineer at site 24 x 7 to attend to breakdowns.**

The representative of BCHAA informed that to make provision of an engineer at site 24 x 7 to attend the breakdowns due to frequent disruption of EDI system.

Additional Commissioner of Customs (Import) informed the house that the matter was taken up to M/s H.P. Mumbai. M/s H.P. Mumbai informed that such facility has already been started at Delhi and same will be started at Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai in co-ordination with M/s H.P. Delhi shortly.

[ACTION: CUSTOMS & M/S H.P.]

- vii. **Delay in issuance of Stamp Duty Receipt:**

In this regard, the representatives of SBI informed the house that they have not received such complain from the trade regarding delay in issuance of stamp duty receipts.

Commissioner of Customs (General) expressed his strong displeasure on this issue that the stake holders are bringing their issues without even taking up with the concerned agencies. It was directed by the both Commissioners that the representatives of the trade can submit the agenda points pertaining to any other agencies only when the same has been taken up with the agencies and the same has not been resolved amicably.

[POINT TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

- viii. **Non-Attendance of the PTFC meeting by the other Statuary Authorities and Stakeholders:**

The representatives from the major statutory authorities such as MCGM, FSSAI, ASSISTANT DRUG CONTROLLER, AQ, PQ, WLRO, SBI etc were present in the meeting. They explained their reasons for non-attendance of the last meeting to the Commissioner.

It was intimated by both the Commissioners that the attendance of Statuary Agencies for this meeting will be monitored regularly and the continuous absence, if any, will be brought to the notice of their senior most functionaries.

[ACTION: ALL STAKEHOLDERS & STATUARY AUTHORITIES]

Points sponsored by the BRIHANMUMBAI CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS' ASSOCIATION vide letter dated 02.03.2016 which were taken up for discussions:

1. **Delay in forwarding of packages for examination at Air India Import warehouse. Need for fixing a time limit.**

It was informed by the representative of BCHAA that the time of forwarding of packages is taken 2-3 hours for examination at Air India Import warehouse.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) directed the representatives of Air India to ensure not to delay in forwarding of packages for examination at Air India Import warehouse.

The representatives of Air India stated that they will ensure to make an arrangement that the packages should be forwarded within one hour for examination at Air India Import warehouse.

[POINTED TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

Points sponsored by the AIR CARGO AGENTS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA vide letter dated 02.03.2016 which were taken up for discussions:

1. In the PCT shed, there is frequent breakdown of the system during night time, with the result message exchanges between CSC and customs is delayed.

It was informed by the representative of ACCAI that the message exchanges between CSC and customs is delayed due to frequent breakdown of the system during night time.

The representative of MIAL replied that they did not receive any complaint for delayed message exchange between CSC and customs. However, they informed that the prompt actions are being taken to address such issues even during night time.

[ACTION: MIAL, BCHAA & ACCAI]

2. At time of clearing perishable cargo, if there is a system breakdown, the officers insist on converting even MEIS scheme from Yes to No. The exporters are not happy with this insistence.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed that this office has already issued suitable instructions in this regard.

[POINTED TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

3. We pay printing charges of Rs.34.20 to CMC and they give us a receipt. They never return any change back. We request you to allow us to buy this coupon in booklet form like the DMS booklet, in advance.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed the house that the facility for cashless payment in the form of cheques, RTGS, booklet coupons etc has already been started from 1st March, 2016.

[POINT TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

4. The shippers regularly submit the negative statements or BRCs in time to the drawback department and we get an acknowledgement. But these documents are never noted immediately and later they are misplaced. Very often we have to produce the same documents again and again. The acknowledge that we produce must be accepted and all shipping bills must be auctioned and drawback cleared.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed that in the last six months, he had personally monitored the shipping bills and found that no unwarranted queries were raised by the officers. Further, regarding negative statements or BRCs, he mentioned that the exporter has to produce the previous acknowledged copy so that a suitable decision can be taken in this regard..

[ACTION: CUSTOMS & STAKE HOLDERS]

Additional points raised by the Commissioner of Customs (Export)

- i. The Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed that it was disappointing to notice that only 700 exporters have submitted the negative statements and more than 1600 exporters have not yet submitted their negative statements or BRCs on compliance to P.N.No. 32/2016. It was intimated by him that if the exporters do not co-operate after so many request letters, then further action as per Customs Act for recovery of Drawback would be initiated.

The representatives of ACCAI and BCHAA assumed that they will again advise their exporters to submit the negative statements / BRCs at the earliest.

[ACTION: ACCAI & BCHAA]

- ii. **Taxpayers Service Centre:**

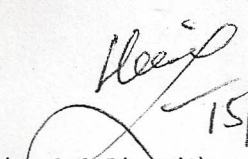
The Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed the house about setting up of centralized Taxpayer service. He appealed to all the stake holder and the trade to submit their representations / complaints / grievances in this centre for its redressal.

[POINT TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

- ii. **Doing away with manual debit of DEEC/Advance license:**

The Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed that though JNCH has issued the P.N.No. 21/2016 dated 11.02.2016 doing away, with Manual Debit of Advance License, but the Board is still seized on the matter and is expected to issue clarification on the subject soon after consultation with DGFT.

[POINT TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]


(Dr. S. S. Dhavale)

Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import)
Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai