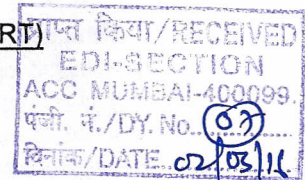


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MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19.02.2016

The fortnightly meeting of the **Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee** was held on **19.02.2016 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
Dr. R.K. Verma, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC
Shri Rajesh Dhabre, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Export)	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, Nandan Kanchan, Ashok Satawase, Mayilvanan T.	MIAL (Mumbai International Airport Ltd -Custodian)
Sanjeev Harale, Sorab P. Engineer, Paresh Sangani	BCHAA (Brihanmumbai Custom House Agents' Association)
Bala Ayer	ACAAI (Air Cargo Agents Association of India)
Rahul Shivputra Shakhapure	ADC
Shashi	ADC
D.A. Kadam	M.C.G.M (Octroi)
Raghav Uchil	Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India
Ms R.S. Bedi	AIR INDIA
Manisha Khedekar	AIR INDIA
Ms R.K. Dalal	AIR INDIA

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

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

Additional Commissioner of Customs (Import) informed that the committee of ADCs could not visit the import sheds, however he had visited the import sheds. It was informed by him that both the custodians (MIAL and Air India) have designated space/area for the storage for dangerous / Hazardous cargo. It was informed that for smaller packages, MIAL is having the separate area. However, the area earmarked for larger packages is not distinctly separated/isolated and it was found that the general cargo was lying nearby. As regards the Air India facility for dangerous/hazardous cargo, it was informed that though there is a separate earmarked facility, the staff/officer supervising the facility was not available there.

It was submitted by ADC(I) that in view of the current status of the facilities created by both the custodians for change the clearance of dangerous/hazardous cargo, there is an urgent need of putting in place and institutional mechanism whereby the safety regulations and remedial actions undertaken, if any, can be monitored. He further suggested to undertake periodic fire safety Audit by the designated statutory authorities.

This issue was further deliberated upon and the representatives from both the custodians submitted their comments on the facility and their preparedness towards the safety and the proper handling of the dangerous / hazardous cargo.

Commissioner of Customs (General) draw the attention of the house to the Public Notice No.8/2011 and directed both the custodians to scrupulously follow the necessary guidelines mentioned therein. He further observed that officers posted in the import shed are examining the packages of dangerous/hazardous cargo at examination hall and the such packages called for examination lie in the examination hall for quite some time which is not proper. He further directed that officers should visit their designated areas for examination purpose and should not call the packages at the examination hall. It was stated by him that any negligence in this regard will not be tolerated and the appropriate action will be taken against the erring Custodians/Stakeholders/Officers & staffs.

It was decided that both the custodians will present their latest safety audit reports to the CHS section.

[ACTION: MIAL, AIR INDIA & CUSTOMS]

- ii. Need for increasing the number of forklifts during peak delivery hours to commensurate with the vehicles waiting in truck dock areas.

It was informed by the representative of MIAL that the number of forklifts has been increased during peak hours and necessary steps are being taken to ease out the cargo movement at rush hours.

[POINT TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

- iii. 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.

The representative of BCHAA informed the house that the detailed presentation in this regard is in final stage and will be submitted shortly.

[ACTION: BCHAA]

- iv. Issues pertaining to the Clearance of Precious Cargo:

Dr. S. S. Dhavale, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import), informed the house that the consignments of the precious metal should not be cleared at Air Cargo Complex (ACC), Sahar, in view of the extant Public Notices and Standing Orders issued in this

regard. However, considering the instances of filling IGMs and Bs/E of such consignments at Air Cargo Complex (ACC), Sahar, Mumbai and the difficulties faced by the trade regarding its clearance/transshipment from Air Cargo Complex (ACC), Sahar, Mumbai, this whole procedure is being examined in details and draft Public Notice in this regard will be put on the website for the comments from the trade.

[ACTION: AIRLINES& OTHER STAKEHOLDERS]

Points sponsored by the BRIHANMUMBAI CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS' ASSOCIATION
vide letter dated 17.02.2016 which were taken up for discussions:

- A) 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).

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed that an advisory will be issued to all Air Cargo Agents / Freight Forwarders to start issuing receipts duly digitally signed and ensure immediate transmission of DO release to the custodians upon receipt of payment of charges.

[ACTION:ACAAI]

- B) 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 that the decision has been taken to start such facility from 1st March, 2016 onwards.

[ACTION: CUSTOMS & M/S XEAM VENTURE, SERVICE CENTRE VENDOR]

- C) 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.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed that the above suggestion will be examined and appropriate arrangements will be done in this regard.

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

Additional points with the permission of chair:

v. Delay in issuance of Stamp Duty Receipt:

It was informed by the representative of the BCHAA that the SBI, Air Cargo Complex, Sahar, Mumbai is not issuing the stamp duty receipts promptly and taking 7 to 8 days which is causing inconvenience to the trade.

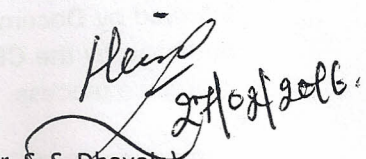
Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed the house that issue will be passed on to SBI, Air Cargo Complex, Sahar, Mumbai for prompt issuance of the stamp duty receipts.

[ACTION: SBI]

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

It was observed by both the Commissioners that, off late, the representatives from the major statuary authorities such as MCGM, FSSAI, ASSISTANT DRUG CONTROLLER, AQ, PQ, WLRO, SBI etc. and the representatives from the stakeholders like Airlines are not attending the PTFC meeting regularly. It was directed by them that all the stakeholders and the statuary authorities who are the permanent members of the PTFC should attend the meeting regularly and the non attendance of these members will be viewed very seriously.

[ACTION: ALL STAKEHOLDERS & STATUARY AUTHORITIES]


(Dr. S. S. Dhavale)

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

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2. Principal Commissioner of Custom (I), Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai
3. Commissioner of Custom (X), Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai
4. Commissioner of Custom (G), Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai
5. All Additional/Joint Commissioners, ACC, Mumbai
6. All Assistant/Deputy Commissioners of Customs, ACC, Mumbai
7. ASI/WLRO/ADC/PHO/PQ/AQ/BMC/Octroi
8. Authorized Officer, FSSAI
9. Asst. Drug Controller
10. Air India/MIAL
11. State Bank of India
12. ACAAI/BCHAA/BAR
13. All members of TFC
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