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**MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 14.07.2015**

The fortnightly meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee was held on 14.07.2015 at 11.00 AM and was presided over by Shri Ravinder Saroop, Commissioner of Customs (Import). The following officers and the representatives from the stakeholder organizations participated in the meeting:-

| Name/ Designation of Departmental Attendees<br>Shri/Ms  | Organization |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Ravinder Saroop, Commissioner of Customs (Import)       | Customs, ACC |
| Anil Kumar Gupta, Commissioner of Customs (Export)      | Customs, ACC |
| J.P. Singh, Commissioner of Customs (General)           | Customs, ACC |
| Rajesh F. Dhabre, Add. Commissioner of Customs (Export) | Customs, ACC |
| P.Samal, Asstt. Commissioner of Customs (Import)        | Customs, ACC |

| Name of Attendees from other stakeholder organizations Shri/ Ms                              | Organization                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Manoj Singh, Mayilvanan T, Cdr. Lokesh (Retd.), Ashok Satavase, Mohamed Nasir, Subodh Thakur | MIAL (Mumbai International Airport Ltd - Custodian)   |
| Sanjeev Harale, Paresh Sangani, C.A. Veeramani, Rajiv Desai, Dushyant Mulani                 | BCHAA (Brihnumumbai Custom House Agents' Association) |
| Bala Ayer, Loknath Rai                                                                       | ACAAI (Air Cargo Agents Association of India)         |
| S.V. Menezes, Ms. S. Pandit, Y.V. Rathod, Ms.M.Tendolkar, Manish Khedekar, K.D. Dhule        | AIR INDIA                                             |
| Sudesh Gaikwad                                                                               | Fedex Express                                         |
| Harish Zade                                                                                  | Lufthansa                                             |
| Vishwanathan Nair                                                                            | Air France                                            |
| Sandeep P                                                                                    | Emirates                                              |
| Sandeep Shetty                                                                               | Swiss                                                 |
| SR. Sawant, D.A. Kadam                                                                       | MCGM (Octroi)                                         |
| Mark Fernandes                                                                               | IMC                                                   |
| S.K. Verma                                                                                   | RPOS, (PQ) Mumbai ACC                                 |

2. Action taken on points mentioned in the minutes of the PTFC meeting dated 26.06.2015.

ii) Creation of Helpdesk for 'Ease of Doing Business.'

In this regard, Commissioner of Customs (General) enquired from the representatives of MIAL the steps taken to provide the space for help desk.

Sh.Manoj Singh, Vice President, MIAL stated that necessary work regarding creation of helpdesk is started and it will be operational in the coming weeks.

3. Points sponsored by the Air Cargo Agents Association of India vide letter dated 13.07.2015 which were taken up for discussions:

- i) Declaration of Intent of Shipping Bills under MEIS. Not clear where this has to be shown on the shipping bill and the correct procedure. CBEC Notification 24/2015 dated 08.04.2015 and Handbook of Procedures point.  
Can we get amendment done for those shipping bills where the correct procedure has not been followed?

Sh.Bala Ayer, representing ACAAI, explained in brief the issue. Most of the export promotion schemes have been merged in one scheme namely Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS). As per the said scheme, exporters are required to mention the scheme on the shipping bills. This procedural requirement came into existence from 1<sup>st</sup> of June, 2015 and due to lack of awareness, most exporters/customs brokers failed to mention it on the shipping bills leading to difficulty in getting the necessary export promotion incentives entitled to them. In view of above, it is requested by ACAAI that date of implementation of this scheme and said procedural requirement may please be deferred till 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2015.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed the house that this issue pertains to DGFT. Hence, he requested ACAAI representatives to submit a detailed representation regarding the issue alongwith copies of few shipping Bills so that matter can be examined in detail.

[ACTION: ACAAI,CUSTOMS]

- ii) **Exports in Air Cargo Complex, Sahar working 24X7. Still MIAL charging MOT whereas in Delhi Customs and DIAL do not charge MOT after they started 24X7.**

It was informed by Sh.Manoj Singh, Vice President, MIAL that the charges fixed by the MIAL are reasonable and lesser than the other comparative custodians. Further, it was informed by him that it was the considered view of MIAL to charge MOT despite the ACC working 24X7 in Export.

Commissioner of Customs (Export) discussed the matter with other stakeholders and advised ACAAI representative to take up the matter with appropriate regulatory authority i.e. Ministry of Civil Aviation.

[POINT TO BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

- iii) *Regarding amendments of shipping bills, we refer you to S/O No.9/2015 issued by Mumbai Customs, Zone-I. We request you to follow same procedure at Sahar. SO 9/2015 attached herewith for your ready reference.*

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed the house that prima facie, it appears that the S/O No.9/2015 is at variance with the Board's instructions on this issue. However, it was informed that the matter will be discussed with Sh.Suvir Mishra, Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai-I and appropriate decision will be taken.

[ACTION: CUSTOMS]

- iv) *In the export shed, if cartons or drums are packed on pallets, and if the examination order says open and examine five percent, the EO is insisting on opening all the drums or cartons from each pallet. For example, if there are ten cartons on each pallet and if the examination order says open and examine five percent, the EO selects two pallets and is insisting on opening all twenty boxes from the two pallets. Whereas, if these boxes were sent loose, out of the total of one hundred cartons, five percent would be only five cartons for examination. Opening drums containing pharma products causes rejection of the material by consignee.*

Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed the house that the examination of the cargo is done as per the appraising manual and as per extant Board instructions/circulars. This Commissionerate cannot issue general order in this matter. If any difficulty arises at the time of examination, the same may be brought to the immediate notice of concerned AC (Export Shed) who may take decision on merit on case to case basis. If such issue is not resolved, then the matter may be brought to the notice of Additional Commissioner of Customs (Export) immediately.

[POINT MAY BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

- v) *Since CONCOR AIR is the concessionaire at exports and also owners of Mulund CFS, can we revive AFS at Mulund?*

Sh.Manoj Singh, Vice-President, MIAL informed the house that a state-of-the-art facility is soon coming up at the Marol Naka which would be four times the size of the Mulund facility. Domestic Cargo terminal would be shifted to Santa Cruz at the Western Express Highway by September. He further invited the stakeholders to visit the facility, which was agreed upon by the members.

[ACTION: ACAAI, MIAL]

4. **Points sponsored by the BRIHANMUMBAI CUSTOM HOUSE AGENTS' ASSOCIATION vide letter dated 13.07.2015 which were taken up for discussions:**

- i) *Request for a suitable PN informing Trade about the operating procedure to be followed by all sections in case of assessment of the B/E (Provisional SVB Cases) with EDD. Cases of some B/Es assessed with EDD and some without EDD have been noticed.*

Commissioner of Customs (Import) informed the house that the specific instances of certain BEs assessed with EDD and some without EDD may be brought to the notice of concerned AC/DC so that appropriate remedial action can be taken by referring it to the Directorate General of Systems, New Delhi. Further, it was informed that suitable PN about the implementation of EDD module will be issued shortly.

[ACTION: CUSTOMS]

- ii) *In term of Gazetted Notification No.8 dated 24/4/2015 issued by Govt. Of Maharashtra the requirement of execution of any bond undertaking is required on Stamp paper, value should INR 500. We request Authorities to kindly issue suitable instruction.*

Commissioner of Customs (Import) directed the representatives of BCHAA to take up the matter with the concerned statutory authority i.e. the Office of the Registrar of Stamp.

[ACTION: BCHAA]

[POINT MAY BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

- iii) *We kindly request that in case of absence of appraising Officers or concerned group AC/DC, work be allocated to the alternate officers in the morning hours immediately.*

Commissioner of Customs (Import) informed the house that the attendance of the officers, in general, and the logging time of the assessing officers, in particular, is monitored by senior officers on daily basis.

He also requested that such issues should be supported with details of specific instances where such difficulties are faced.

[ACTION: CUSTOMS]

[POINT MAY BE TREATED AS CLOSED]

- iv) *The Provision of amended Legal Meterological Act issued vide gazette Notf dated 14.05.2015 for institutional imports or consumer products be incorporated in the process of assessment.*

Commissioner of Customs (Import) requested representatives from BCHAA to submit a detailed representation so that the issue can be examined in detail for issue of suitable P/N or F/N, if any.

[ACTION: CUSTOMS]

Commissioner of Customs (Import) introduced Dr. S.K. Verma, Add.Director (E), Office of the Plant & Quarantine, Air Cargo Complex, Sahar to the House. Dr.Verma informed the house to approach him or his office in case of any queries pertaining to the clearance needing the approval/No Objection from his office.

This issues with approval of the Commissioner of Customs (Import and General).

Sd/- dated 22.07.2015

(Dr. S. S. Dhavale)

ADDL. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (I)  
ACC, SAHAR, MUMBAI

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