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MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 17.11.2026

The first meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) of Airport Special Cargo, Mumbai Zone III, for the month of November 2026 was held on 17.11.2026 at 03:00 PM in the Conference Hall, BDB, BKC, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Shri Santosh Kumar Mishra, Commissioner of Customs, APSC, Mumbai Zone-III. The following stakeholders attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name (Shri/Smt.)	Designation	Representing Association/Stakeholder
1.	Mithilesh Pandey	Sr. Director	GJEPC
2.	Preeta Shalu	Manager	GJEPC
3.	Surendra Shetty	Manager	BDB
4.	Vaibhav Parab	AGM	BDB
5.	Somesh G Vaidya	Representative	BCBA

2. The following officers of APSC Commissionerate attended the PTFC Meeting on behalf of Department:

Sr. No.	Name of the Officers (Shri/Smt.)	Designation
1.	Kiran Thottupuram Asokan	Joint Commissioner of Customs, APSC
2.	Ajit Roy Togare	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, APSC
3.	Bharati M Bhaktini	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs, APSC

3. At the outset, the Chairman extended his greetings and welcomed all members attending the meeting.
4. With the permission of the Chair, Shri Ajit Roy Togare, Deputy Commissioner of Customs, APSC informed that the agenda points have been divided in 02 sections i.e. I) Agenda points kept open during the last meeting and II) Fresh Agenda points.
5. Following are the agenda points:

I. **Open agenda points: Re-submitted by the stakeholders.**

Agenda Point No. 1 - Requirement of BCAS-approved Security Programme at

CSMIA.

MIAL has advised GJEPC to obtain a BCAS-approved Security Programme for its allotted premises at CSMIA. However, the premises are situated within a Customs-controlled area, where access control, surveillance and security are managed by the Customs authorities. GJEPC does not operate or maintain any independent airport security infrastructure.

Recommendation: It is requested that the matter be taken up with BCAS and MIAL to clarify whether GJEPC is required to obtain a separate BCAS-approved Security Programme for its allotted premises at CSMIA, considering that the premises fall within a Customs-controlled area.

Response: The Commissioner of Customs informed that the validity of the temporary passes has been extended and advised GJEPC/BDB to complete the BCAS-approved Security Programme at the earliest. As the enrolment process for the said programme is time-consuming and is expected to take approximately 2 to 3 months, the Commissioner further assured that the Customs Airport Commissionerate would extend all necessary cooperation and coordination with the concerned authorities to facilitate the issuance of need-based Airport Entry Passes to authorised personnel of GJEPC/BDB during the interim period, until completion of the BCAS-approved Security Programme.

Point Closed.

Agenda Point No. 2 - Hand Carry Operations at CSMI Airport – Gate No. 8, Terminal 2.

It was informed that, the commencement of Hand Carry operations in May 2025, Gate No. 8 of the Departure Area at Terminal 2 would be designated for the entry and exit of Hand Carry parcels. However, BDB is currently facing operational challenges, as BCAS occasionally restricts the exit and, in certain instances, the entry of parcels through the said gate.

Recommendation: It is requested that the matter be taken up with BCAS to streamline the process and ensure smooth and uninterrupted movement of Hand Carry parcels. It was further requested that representatives of BDB be included in the meeting with BCAS to discuss and resolve the operational issues.

Response: The Commissioner of Customs informed that the validity of the temporary passes has been extended and that an officer has already been designated in each PCG Batch to facilitate and coordinate hand-carry operations. Accordingly, the existing arrangement provides for a designated Customs officer in each PCG Batch to facilitate the movement of hand-carried consignments by coordinating with the concerned agencies, as and when required, in accordance with the prescribed SOP.

Point Closed.

II. **Fresh Agenda Points: Agenda points submitted by the stakeholders (Fresh Issues).**

1. **Agenda Point No. 1. System Issue in Declaration of Additional Qualifiers for Export of Lab-Grown Diamonds below 1 Carat.**

As per the applicable Customs clarification, declaration of additional qualifiers for export of Lab-Grown Diamonds (HPHT/CVD) weighing less than one carat has been made voluntary. However, exporters are facing difficulties while filing shipping bills, as the system/CHA interface continues to require selection of an additional qualifier and does not provide an option for mixed CVD/HPHT parcels.

Recommendation: Request to kindly examine the system requirement and facilitate necessary alignment so that exporters of LGDs below one carat can file shipping bills without mandatory additional qualifiers, in accordance with the clarification, including cases involving mixed CVD/HPHT parcels.

Response: The Commissioner of Customs informed that, in terms of CBIC Circular No. 03/2025-Customs dated 29.01.2025, the declaration of additional qualifiers in respect of exports of Lab-Grown Diamonds (HPHT/CVD) weighing less than one carat is voluntary. In all other cases, the declaration of additional qualifiers shall remain mandatory, in accordance with Circular No. 21/2024-Customs. Further, the Commissioner advised that any difficulties encountered in this regard may be brought to the notice of the Assistant Commissioner of Customs, PCCCC, or the Additional Commissioner of Customs, PCCCC, for necessary assistance.

Point Closed.

2. **Agenda Point No. 2. E-Commerce Export of Jewellery / Loose Precious Stones through Courier Mode**

As per the minutes of meeting dated 15th Sept 2026, it was updated “In the meantime, in accordance with the aforementioned CBIC Circular No. 52/2020-Customs, the Commissioner has permitted the e-commerce export of jewellery and loose precious stones through courier mode. Additionally, the Commissioner noted that if any contradictory reply is received from the Board, the Chair will review the decision. However, it has been informed by the Courier companies that Customs Courier Cell is not accepting the loose precious stone parcels.

Recommendation: Request that the decision taken during the meeting on 15 September 2026 be formally communicated to the Customs Courier Cell, with instructions to facilitate the acceptance and clearance of loose precious stone parcels for e-commerce exports through courier mode, in accordance with the applicable CBIC guidelines.

Response: The Commissioner of Customs informed that, in terms of CBIC Circular No. 52/2020-Customs dated 27.11.2020, the export of jewellery and loose precious stones through e-commerce under the courier mode has already been permitted. The same has also been recorded in the minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 15.09.2026. Further, the Commissioner advised that any difficulties encountered in this regard may be brought to the

notice of the respective Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Batch In-charge) or the Additional Commissioner of Customs, ICT, Mumbai, for necessary assistance.

Point Closed.

As there were no further points for discussion, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, APSC.

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(Kiran Thottupuram Asokan)
Joint Commissioner of Customs,
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To: All members of PTFC (through email)

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