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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, MUMBAI-II
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOMS HOUSE, NHAVA-SHEVA
DISTT- RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA – 400707

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Subject:-Setting up of ‘Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee’ (CCFC) at JNCH.

1. Attention of Trade, Customs Brokers and all other Stake Holders is invited to Board’s Circular No.13/2015-Customs, dt.13.04.2015 regarding Setting up of ‘Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee’ (CCFC).

2. The Government has in recent times taken a number of measures to create an environment for ease of doing business and trade facilitation. The measures include the simplification of Customs procedures, reduction of documents, message exchange between Government agencies engaged in Customs clearance, and use of digital signature for electronic submission of Customs process documents. Continuing in this direction, it has now been decided with the approval of the Cabinet Secretary to establish a high-level administrative body at each seaport and airport with the responsibility of ensuring expeditious Customs clearance of imported and export goods.

3. In this regard it is seen that in terms of the Customs Act, 1962 read with the relevant rules and regulations, imported and export goods are subjected to certain legal and procedural formalities before being permitted clearance by Customs. These requirements include the submission of prescribed documents and adherence to laid down procedures before an appropriate legal order is given by the Customs officer permitting the importer/exporter to clear the goods for the intended purpose. If provisions of other Allied Acts are attracted in respect of the imported/export goods, permission to clear the goods is given by the Customs only after getting the suitable clearance/response/NOC from the Government Department/agency concerned. **Some of the major Departments/agencies that are involved in Customs clearance process are as follows:**

- (i) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)/Port Health Officer (PHO)
- (ii) Plant Quarantine Authorities
- (iii) Animal Quarantine Authorities
- (iv) Drug Controller of India (CDSO)
- (v) Textile Commissioner
- (vi) Wild Life Authorities

4. In addition, the Port Trusts/Custodians and Railways play a critical role in the Customs clearance process by providing the required infrastructure and facilities. Other local agencies concerned with logistics, manpower etc. which operate in the seaports and airports also facilitate the Customs clearance process.

5. Since the aforementioned regulatory agencies are critical contributors to the Customs clearance process of imported and export goods, a delay in receipt of a clearance from one

regulatory agency holds up the Customs clearance of the said goods. Lack of adequate infrastructure in the seaport or airport or testing laboratories etc. also contribute to delay in the clearance of imported and export goods. Any other deficiency on account of other stakeholders also enhances the dwell time of cargo as well as the overall turnaround time of carriers. Another important reason for the delay is the improper coordination or absence of efficient coordination amongst Government agencies and other stakeholders involved in the Customs clearance process. Therefore, a view has emerged that these deficiencies can be best removed by institutionalizing at each seaport and airport an administrative mechanism with responsibility of expeditious Customs clearance of imported and export goods and for resolving related trade grievances in a time bound manner.

6. In accordance with direction of Board, it has been decided to set up a Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) at Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House, Mumbai Zone-II, with immediate effect. The CCFC would be headed by the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Jawaharlal Nehru Customs House, Mumbai Zone-II. The senior-most functionary of the following departments/agencies/stakeholder will be the members of Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC). In terms of column 10 below, the committee may invite representative from any other department/agency or stakeholder.

Sr. No.	Organization	Designation	Contact No.
1	Food Safety Standards Authority of India	Authorized Officer	022-27470788 022-23748541-206
2	Plant & Quarantine	Dy. Director	FAX-022- 23748548
3	Animal Quarantine	Quarantine Officer	022-27552021
4	Drug Controller of India	Assistant Drug Controller	022-27240139
5	Textile Committee	Secretary	022-66527507, FAX-022- 66527509
6	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust	Chairman, JNPT	022-27242219(O) FAX-022- 27241592
7	Wild Life Authorities	Regional Dy. Director	Telefax-27561888 9892043534
8	Railways/CONCOR	General Manager	FAX-022- 27242644 022-22825973
9	Maharashtra Pollution Control Board	Chairman	022-22873845 FAX-022- 22813947
10	Any other Department / Agency/Stakeholder		

7. Terms of Reference for the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) are as follows:

- (i) Ensuring and monitoring expeditious clearance of imported and export goods in accordance with the timeline specified by the parent ministry/Department concerned;
- (ii) Identifying and resolving bottlenecks, if any, in the clearance procedure of imported and export goods;
- (iii) Initiating Time Release Studies for improvement in the clearance time of imported and export goods;
- (iv) Having internal consultations to speed up the clearance process of imported and export goods and recommending best practices thereto for consideration of CBEC/ Departments / Agencies concerned; and
- (v) Resolving grievances of members of the trade and industry in regard to clearance process of imported and export goods.

The CCFC shall meet once a week or more frequently, if considered necessary by the Chief Commissioner of Customs JNCH, Mumbai Zone-II.

8. Contact details of the chairman of the CCFSC is as under:

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9. First meeting of the CCFC of the Zone shall take place at 11 AM on 05th May 2015. Agenda for the meeting shall be circulated in due course.

Sd/-

22.04.2015

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS,

JNCH, MUMBAI-ZONE-II

Copy to:

1. Advisor (Customs), CBEC, New Delhi
2. All Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
3. All members of CCFC