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**MINUTES OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON 04/05/2016 AT CONFERENCE HALL, JNCH, NHAVA-SHEVA.**

10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee was held on 04/05/2016 at the Conference Hall, JNCH, Nhava-Sheva under the chairmanship of Shri Rajeev Tandon, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II. List of participants is enclosed as Annexure.

2. Chief Commissioner welcomed the participants and drew their attention to various initiatives being taken by the Government towards ease of doing business and informed about the Single Window Programme launched by the Government with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. He informed that the forum of CCFC was formed last year and in last one year of its existence, initiatives taken by the CCFC have resulted in resolution of various issues which was possible due to active co-operation and support of each stakeholder. He expressed hope that the same co-operation and support will continue with renewed vigour in future.

3. A presentation was then made highlighting the achievements of CCFC which included reduction in the traffic congestion, regulated traffic management, providing security personnel to the Traffic Police, creation of new parking areas and reduction of parking charges. Further steps taken in improvement of road infrastructure was also listed like widening of Port approach roads and National Highway 4B and State Highway 54, separate road for dumpers. The other measures taken like inter-terminal movement of truck trailers, introduction of E Form – 13, 24x7 clearance facility and setting up of offices/labs by the partner Government Agencies were also highlighted in the presentation. The achievements of CCFC also included the uploading of SOPs by regulatory agencies, initiatives, of, E-D.O. by Shipping Lines, introduction of e-invoicing and e-payments by certain CFSs and publication of schedule of charges by most of CFSs under the jurisdiction of JNCH.

4. Implementation of Single Window Programme (SWIFT) was discussed at length and features of SWIFT like elimination of manual movement of documents, eliminating human interface, integrated declaration and risk assessment, automated booting, on-line release, paperless processing etc. were discussed. Comparison of dwell time of PGA Bills of Entry during March 2016 and April 2016 brought out the improvement due to the SWIFT programme

which has been implemented w.e.f. 01/04/2016. It was observed that an improvement of 27% in FSSAI, 21% in ADC, 13% in AQ, 8% in WLRO and 6% in PQ was noted. Thereafter, the follow up on issues from earlier meetings were taken up.

5. With respect to EDI connectivity at the Terminal Gates, JNPT informed that the space has been provided by them with one terminal and that as the present space with only one terminal is inadequate, provision for a larger cabin with two terminal is being made. NSICT and GTI have also assured of providing suitable space with EDI connectivity to Customs at the Gates.

**(Action: JNPT, Port Terminal, NSICT, GTI)**

6. The Chair inquired with the Port Authorities about the progress made so far with regard to the Gate automation. JNPT informed that the tendering process is completed and it is expected to be functional by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. GTI representative was not having the status report on the Gate Automation and assured that he would provide it shortly.

**(Action: JNPT, Port Terminal)**

7. Regarding the implementation of E-D.O., it was informed that one meeting of working group was held but no substantial progress has been made. The Chair directed that working group should decide urgently with what model and mechanism they propose to implement the E-D.O. uniformly by each and every shipping line and inform in the next CCFC Meeting. The update on implementation of e-invoicing and e-payment could not be made due to non-availability of representatives from the CFS Association.

**(Action: BCHAA, AMTOI, CSLA & CFSAI)**

8. With respect to delay in evacuation of containers from Terminals to CFSS, JNPT informed that the average time taken should be considered rather than highlighting the exceptional delays. JNPT informed that delay in evacuation is not attributable to the Port alone, as the CFSSs did not provide adequate number of truck trailers for movement of the containers. The Chair directed that random data/data pertaining to a specific period for all three terminals may be collected in a uniform format to be made available by JNPT and thereafter a meeting of all Terminal Operators, all CFSSs and BCHAA may be held in the third week of May 2016, so that the issue can be taken up in the next CCFC meeting..

**(Action: ADC (PG), JNPT ,Port Terminal, CFS)**

9. The Chair observed that there is significant improvement on the front of congestion in the Port during the past 1 ½ months and concerns are raised only with GTI Terminals, where there are frequent disruptions in work which has a cascading effect on congestion. The Chair advised that GTI should find some mechanism and come out with a contingent plan to avoid recurrence of such disruptions.

**(Action: GTI Terminal)**

10. (i) The updates on setting up of the offices by the regulatory agencies was also furnished and Textile Committee has informed that they have yet to take possession of the allotted space and the concession in land rate from JNPT was sought. Textile Committee was advised to expedite the process and submit timelines by next CCFC. Textile Committee informed that they are functional on Saturdays and accepting samples on Saturdays also.

**(Action: Textile Committee)**

- (ii) FSSAI informed that land is allotted and further work is under process to commence the construction. The Chair directed that the FSSAI should try to make their office operational by September 2016. As regards the increase in frequency of giving appointments for drawal of samples, the FSSAI representative informed that the matter has been examined but found not feasible and likely to increase in delays. He also informed that 5 vacancies have now been filled and officers have joined.

**(Action: FSSAI)**

- (iii) ADC informed that the land allotted to them is a wet land and the decision of taking over the same, would be taken after inspection of the land by the team from Delhi Headquarters. The Chair advised them to expedite the process and submit timelines by next CCFC.

**(Action: Drug Controller)**

- (iv) PQ also informed the problem of wet land for allotted land. **(Action: PQ)**

It was proposed by the Chair that in view of difficulties expressed by the Regulatory Agencies, JNPT may consider the feasibility of providing fresh piece of land to the PQ and ADC in the near vicinity of the JNCH.

11. Shri Akhilesh Pandey, ADC (EDI) gave update on the implementation and functioning of the Single Window Programme. He informed that most of the IT problems observed during the first two weeks have now been addressed. He requested that trade should ensure complete filing by filling in all relevant fields so as to ensure correct and precise flow of the documents. It is noted that many names of items are given in general / broad /not clear terms, due to which many CTHs have been mapped to PGAs (even if not required). He requested the PGAs to provide more detailed/specific/precise description of items required to be routed to them so that the flow of Bills of Entry to PGAs should be accurate. He further requested the PGAs to give a list of CTHs and description of items which are marked, "Out of Scope" by them so that the PGA Exception Category (PEC) list can be elaborated by Single Window team. This shall avoid the flow of items to the PGAs, which are not required to be referred.

**(Action: all PGAs (TC, PQ, ADC, AQ, FSSAI,WLRO)**

12. The Chair expressed displeasure on the complete absence of CFSAI and/ or CFS participants from the meeting and observed that they have a very important role to play in bringing synergy in the process of clearance at this port and they must actively participate in deliberations to resolve issues pertaining to them.

The Meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II.

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## ANNEXURE

### List of participants

Participants from the regulatory agencies and various stakeholder		
Sr. No.	Name of the Organization	Name of the Representative & Designation (S/Shri)
1	JNPT	Neeraj Bansal, Deputy Chairman
2	JNPT	A.K. Bose, Chief Manager (Traffic)
3	Textile Committee	Smt. Vimal Oval, Asstt. Director (Lab.)
4	Textile Committee	T. Samuell, Quality Assurance Officer
5	RPQS, Mumbai	Dr. K. L. Gurjar, Asstt. Director (PP)
6	Drug Controller, JNPT	GulshanTaneja, ADC
7	Drug Controller, JNPT	Arvind Hiwale, Drug Inspector
8	Animal Quarantine	V. Vignesh, Quarantine Inspector
9	FSSAI	V K Pancham, Authorized Officer
10	FSSAI	Shailesh Nimbalkar,
11	CIDCO	Ms. Pranali Borkar, Dy. Planner
12	CIDCO	Ms. Alaknanda Patil, Dy. Planner
13	CONCOR	Rajib Bhowal, General Manager (C&O)
14	CSLA	Norman Fernandez, Secretary
15	MANSA	Manish Kumar
16	MANSA	Victor Fernandes
17	GTI	Raphael Sebastian
18	BCHAA	Dushyant Mulani, Hon. Secretary
19	BCHAA	Paresh Shah, Jt. Hon. Secretary
20	BCHAA	Paresh K. Thakker
21	MACCIA (G.C.Member)	Omprakash Agarwal
22	AMTOI	Raghav Uchil, Sr. Coordinator
23	AMTOI	R. K. Rubin

Departmental officers	
Sl No.	Name of the Representative & Designation (S/Shri)
1	D K Srinivas, Commissioner of Customs
2	Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs
3	Aseem Kumar, Addl. Commissioner of Customs
4	Akhilesh Pandey, Addl. Commissioner of Customs
5	K. Raguram, Dy. Commissioner Preventive (G)
6	Ravindra Kumar, Asstt. Commr., CCO

