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MINUTES OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 22.03.2017 AT JNCH

The 15th Meeting of Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) was held on 22.03.2017 at 3.00 P.M. in the Conference Room at 6th floor of Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House under the Chairmanship of Dr. John Joseph, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II.

2. Following persons from Regulatory Agencies and representing various stakeholders attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name of the Organization	Name of the Representative & Designation (S/Shri)	
1.	JNPT	Predeep Kumar, Manager	
2.	JNPT	Akode G. Nagesh, Dy. Manager	
3.	JNPT	S.K. Kulkarni, Dy. Manager	
4.	JNPT	P. G. Rao, Asst. Manager	
5.	FSSAI, WR, MUMBAI	V.K. Pancham, Deputy Director.	
6.	PQ	Dr. C. S. Patni, Asst. Director (PP)	
7.	TEXTILES COMMITTEE	Ms. Vimal Oval, Asst. Director	
8.	O/o ADC (I)	P. M. Dongre, Senior Technical Assistant	
9.	WCCB	B.S. Khati, Wildlife Inspector	
10.	ANIMAL QUARANTINE	Dr. Vignesh V, Quarantine Inspector	
11.	CONCOR	Anil Sonawane, GGM	
12.	CONCOR	Hemant Nadkar, Sr. Executive	
13.	APM TERMINAL	Avinash Kalse, AGM-Ops	
14.	APM TERMINAL	Prashant Mhatre, Manager	
15.	DP WORLD-NSICT	Alok Mishra, GM-Ops	
16.	D.P. WORLD	Starry Menezes, G. M. Commercial	
17.	CSLA	Norman Fernandez, Secretary	
18.	CSLA	Anshuman Baruah, DGM	

19.	CFSAI	Percy Vapiwala, VP
20.	CFSAI	Arun Adak, Hon Secretary
21.	CFSAI	Laksha Tadadikar, COO
22.	CFSAI	James Joseph, GM-Ops
23.	CFSAI	Venkat Narayanan, E.A.
24.	Central Warehousing Corp.	Bhuwneshwar Dwivedi, Manager
25.	MANSA	Subhash Rajkumar, Committee member
26.	AMTOI	Raghav uchil, Sr. Coordinator
27.	ВСНАА	Dushyant Mulani, Hon. Secretary
28.	ВСНАА	K. S. Sheety, Sr. Vice President
29.	ВСНАА	Hiren Ruparel, Member Mgm. Committee
30.	ВСНАА	Paresh Thakkar, Member
31.	WISA	Paresh Shah, Member
32.	WISA	Nimish Desai, Member
33.	FFFAI	Ashish Pednekar—Chairman
34.	All India Women custom Brokers Association (AIWCBA)	Leena Ganguly, Member
35.	AIWCBA	Roshan Irani, Member
36.	AIWCBA	Christaline Glenn, Director
37.	M/s Mirc Eletronics Ltd.	V. K. Agarwal, GM-EXIM

The Department was represented by the following officers:

Sr.	Name of the	Name of the Representative& Designation (S/Shri)	
No.	Organization		
1.	Custom	Sh. Shrawan Kumar, Commissioner of Customs, NS-III	
2.	Custom	Sh. V. S. Chauhan, Commissioner of Customs, NS-V	
3.	Custom	Sh. Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs, NS-Gen	
4	Custom	Sh. M. R Mohanty, Commissioner of Customs, NS-II	
5.	Custom	Dr. Ashir Tyagi, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, CCO	
6.	Custom	Dr. Vijay Risi, Addl. Commissioner of Customs, NS-I	
7.	Custom	Smt. Pritee Choudhary, Jt. Commissioner of Customs, NS-G	
8.	Custom	Sh. B. L. Reddy, Dy. Commissioner of Customs, CCO	

3. The Chair welcomed all the members and Meeting started with introduction of all present for further discussions.

4. At first, Sh. B L Reddy, DC/CCO made power point presentation on Dwell time performance and various other initiatives of JNCH in the recent past .JNCH has recently introduced automation and digitization of processing of refund and manual Drawback Claims vide Public Notice no. 34/2017 dated 16.03.2017. It is further informed that Drawback Section at JNCH is processing drawback claims within 48 hrs, which is well below the time prescribed in Citizens Charter. In Dwell Time Performance JNCH has cleared import goods with in a record time of 24 hrs on 06.03.2017 (Niti Aayog prescribed target of 30 hrs customs clearance by 2018).Member of trade and all other stakeholders appreciated the efforts and performance of customs in trade facilitation and reduction of Dwell Time.

All members were appraised about social media presence of JNCH. They were requested to get regular update about JNCH on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/Jawaharlal-Nehru-Custom-House-Nhava-Sheva and on Twitter at https://twitter.com/JNCH NhavaSheva.

A FAQ handbook on DPD was circulated among the members and all members appreciated the JNCH initiatives of DPD.

5. TIME RELEASE STUDY:

Study was made on the basis of EDI data of Feb, 2017 vis-à-vis Jan, 2017 and Feb, 2016 for Facilitated and Non-facilitated Bills of Entry. It was based on time taken by Customs, Trade and Participating Government Agencies (PGAs).

- (i) In case of RMS facilitated Bills of Entry for the month of Feb, 2017, the average time taken by Customs for clearance (including assessment and from registration to out of charge) was 4.93 hrs., whereas, Importer/CB took around 110.75 hrs. Out of total time of 115.68 hrs., the Customs has taken only 4.27% of the total time and the trade (importer/CB) accounted for 95.73% of the total time.
- (ii) Similarly, as per time release study for 'non-facilitated' Bills of Entry, which are assessed by Groups, for the month of Feb. 2017, time taken by Customs is 16.73% (22.46 hrs.), whereas, trade (importer/CB) have taken 83.27% (111.84 hrs.) of the total time. The time taken by Customs from filing of Bill of Entry to Assessment is 15 hrs & 44 min and from Registration to Out of Charge is 6 hrs & 43 min. Similarly time taken by trade from assessment to

payment is 89 hrs & 46 min and from payment to registration of goods 22hrs & 05 Minutes.

(iii) Comparison of dwell time data for Feb, 2017 vis-à-vis Feb, 2016 revealed that there is significant reduction of 44.88 hrs. from Entry Inward to Out of Charge.

Similarly, comparison of dwell time data of Feb 2017 with Jan, 2017 indicated that there is net reduction of 15.60 hrs in Feb, 2017 from Entry Inward to Out of Charge.

(iv) On the basis of random sampling of Bills of Entry for the month of Feb, 2017, the average time taken by various PGAs for issuance of NOC was as follows:

FSSAI: The average time taken by FSSAI for release of NOC was 5.7 days. The best case scenario was 02 days and the maximum time taken was 10 days.

ADC: The average time taken by ADC for release of NOC was 01 days. In best case scenario, ADC released NOC on same day and in worst case scenario, ADC released NOC in 01 days.

AQ: The average time taken by AQ for release of NOC was 04 days. In best case scenario, AQ released NOC on same day and in worst case scenario, AQ released NOC in 18 days.

PQ: The average time taken by PQ for release of NOC was same day. In random selection cases all of the NOCs were released on same day.

Textile Committee: The average time taken by TC for release of NOC was 5.2 days and best case being 05 days and 06 days was the maximum time.

WLRO: The average time taken by WLRO for release of NOC was 6.3 days; in best case 04 days and maximum delay is 10 days.

From the comparison of dwell time of PGAs, the best performer was PQ who was releasing NOC on, an average, the same day and WLRO has taken maximum time of average 6.3 days for issuance of NOC.

Chair remarked that average time taken by PGAs for issuance of NOC has been reduced but not to the desirable extent and requested PGAs to improve

their performance by updating their test equipment and making testing process easy and trade friendly.

PERFORMANCE OF TRADE:

Performance of importers and Customs brokers, on the basis of efficiency, was analysed and the details are as below:

Best performing Importers in terms of Dwell Time and No. of Bs/E filed during Feb, 2017:

Entry Inward to Submission of B/E			
No. of Bills of Entry filed	IEC Code	Name of Importer	
1 to 25	398038520	REVTI INDUSTRIES PVT LTD.	
	390030320	(average time - 0.1 hrs)	
26 to 50		BENTELER AUTOMOTIVE INDIA PVT.	
	3108018817	LTD.	
		(average time - 27 hrs)	
more than 50	388070005	SIEMENS LTD	
	366070003	(average time – 25.68 hrs)	
Assessment to Duty Payment			
No. of Bills of Entry filed	IEC Code	Name of Importer	
1 to 25		EMMACE CORPORATION	
	310067740	(average time – 0.13 hrs)	
26 to 50		S & J GRANULATE SOLUTIONS	
	310043662	PRIVATE LIMITED	
		(average time - 13.66 hrs)	
more than 50	200000470	BAJAJ ELECTRICALS LTD	
	389008478	(average time - 23.83 hrs)	
Payment to Registration			
No. of Bills of Entry filed	IEC Code	Name of Importer	
1 to 25		TRIQUENCH INDIA	
1 10 25	813000424	(average time – 0.01 hrs)	
26 to 50		AAYUSH IMPEX	
	300068573	(average time – 1.66 hrs)	
more than 50		I G INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE	
There chair 50	311067875	LIMITED	
	31100,075	(average time - 4.08 hrs)	

Worst performing Importers in terms of Dwell Time and No. of Bs/E filed during Feb. 2017:

Entry Inward to Submission of B/E			
No. of Bills of Entry filed	IEC Code	Name of Importer	
1 to 25	3110007436	LAVGAN DOCKYARD PVT. LTD. (average time – 10909.30 hrs)	
26 to 50	594016151	PERNOD RICARD INDIA PVT LTD. (average time – 816.87 hrs)	
more than 50	303073632	MAN DIESEL & TURBO INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED (average time – 337. 26hrs)	
Assessment to Duty Payment			
No. of Bills of Entry filed	IEC Code	Name of Importer	
1 to 25	314007547	THAIGER PHARMA PRIVATE LIMITED. (average time – 1028 hrs)	
26 to 50	503034029	DEV BHUMI COLD CHAIN PRIVATE	

		LIMITED		
		(average time - 430.61 hrs)		
more than 50		I G INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE		
	311067875	LIMITED (average time – 256.61		
		hrs)		
	Payment to Registration			
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No. of Bills of Entry filed	IEC Code	Name of Importer		
1 to 25	2406002060	ABS FOOD INGREDIENTS		
	2496003960	(average time - 644.22 hrs)		
26 to 50		GAMESA RENEWABLE PRIVATE		
	508033608	LIMITED		
		(average time – 91.66 hrs)		
more than 50		LEAR AUTOMOTIVE INDIA PRIVATE		
	795016573	LIMITED		
		(average time – 128.56 hrs)		

Best performing CBs in terms of Dwell Time and No. of Bs/E filed during Feb. 2017:

Entry Inward to Submission of B/E			
No. of Bills of Entry filed	CB No.	Name of CB	
1 to 25	AABCS4207PCH001	S N DAS FREIGHT FWD PVT LTD	
	78120012071011001	(average time – 10.02 hrs)	
26 to 50	AABCN3127FCH001	NAVBHARAT SHIPPING (INDIA) LTD	
more than 50		(average time – 47.10 hrs) SCHENKER INDIA PVT LTD.	
more than 50	AAACB0697BCH001	(average time – 48.03 hrs)	
		(average time 40.05 ms)	
	Assessment to Duty	Payment	
No. of Bills of Entry filed	CB No.	Name of CB	
1 to 25	AALCS9818CCH002	SSS SAI FORWARDERS PVT LTD	
	AALCS9010CC11002	(average time -1.02 hrs)	
26 to 50	AABPH5925QCH001	M/S.MADHAVI SHIPPING AGENCY	
	701D1113323QC11001	(average time -24.68 hrs)	
more than 50		P.V.AGENCIES FRIGHT	
	AABCP4495NCH001	FORWARDERS PVT.LTD	
		(average time – 21.25 hrs)	
	Payment to Regist	ration	
No. of Bills of Entry filed	CB No.	Name of CB	
1 to 25	AFIPK8271JCH001	NANJU R KHAKHARIA	
	AFIPKOZ/IJCHUUI	(average time -0.03 hrs)	
26 to 50	AAIFC1443MCH002	CONCORDE LOGISTICS (INDIA)	
	7011 014451101002	(average time -2.11 hrs)	
more than 50	ADPPB8663GCH001	M/S. JZN LOGISTICS	
	7.5.1 50005001001	(average time -2.47 hrs)	

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Entry Inward to Submission of B/E			
No. of Bills of Entry filed	CB No.	Name of CB	
1 to 25	ABWPD4781ECH003	M/S ELINC CLEARING &	

		FORWADING
		(average time -1853.53 hrs)
26 to 50		SHIVANSH CLEARING AND
	AAUCS4743BCH001	FORWARDING PVT LTD
		(average time -718.37 hrs)
more than 50		CONCORD MARITIME & LOGISTICS
	AABCC8115GCH001	PVT. LTD.
		(average time -425.72 hrs)
	Assessment to Duty	<u>Payment</u>
No. of Bills of Entry filed	CB No.	Name of CB
1 to 25	AAAFD3601JCH001	M/S.D.R.PANDIT
	AAAI D30013C11001	(average time -550.07 hrs)
26 to 50	AAACE3517DCH001	PROTOCOL LOGISTICS PVT LTD
	AAACE3517DCH001	(average time -346.93 hrs)
more than 50		HARESHWARE CLEARING AGENCY
	AADCH4193HCH001	PVT LTD
		(average time -340.82 hrs)
	Payment to Regist	
No. of Bills of Entry filed	CB No.	Name of CB
1 to 25		EASTERN CLEARING &
	AAACE5876HCH007	FORWARDING AGENCY PVT.LTD.
		(average time -284.43 hrs)
26 to 50	AAACO3118LCH001	OVERSEAS CORPORATION PVT LTD
	AAACO3110EC11001	(average time -119.76 hrs)
more than 50	AAKFS2646ACH001	SUMANGALAM (INDIA)
	AARI 32040ACI 1001	(average time -91.50 hrs)

Thereafter, pending issues from earlier CCFCs were taken up for discussion.

6. Rationalization of the DPD Charges by Port Terminals:

In the last CCFC meeting, Chairman had emphasized the need for reduction of various charges such as deposits, shift charges by terminal operators as to make the DPD more attractive for the importers and the need for evolving a Standard Operative System (SOP) covering all issues of DPD. He has further directed all the three Port Terminals to publish the charges and formulate Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), and get them published on their website. It was agreed upon by consensus that the process would be completed in 02 weeks.

JNCH, Customs have already issued a public notice No.28/2017 dated 06.03.2017 on Standard Operating Procedure in relation to Registration of DPD importers with Terminals, release of DPD Containers, opening of PD Account (if required), procedure for sending trailer to pick up DPD container.

Chair asked about the steps taken by Port Authorities in this connection.

Terminal representatives (JNPT, GTI, and NSICT) stated that they have almost completed the exercise, the DPD Charges and SOP will be published on their Websites within a week.

(Action: Port Terminals, Timeline: 30/03/2017)

CONCOR representative applauded the initiatives taken by Chief Commissioner Dr. John Joseph in implementing the DPD scheme and because of several initiatives of JNCH Custom, they are able to clear 80% cargo within 48 hrs and their overall dwell time is significantly reduced by 30 hrs. for delivery from Port Terminal to ICDs destination.

The representative of CONCOR stated that they support DPD scheme and are transporting lot of DPD containers by rail and evacuating them speedily which decongests the port at a fast pace, therefore he has requested Terminals to waive DPD charges ,at least, for rail as their importers are already paying other port charges.

Chair advised CONCOR to make a presentation before JNPT and asked JNPT representative to look into the matter raised by CONCOR.

(Action: CONCOR)

7. Gate Automation:

Chair asked the JNPT about progress of Gate Automation. JNPT informed that it will be functional by next month. (Action: - JNPT,Timeline:April,2017)

8. <u>Issuance of out of Scope items by FSSAI:</u>

In last meeting, BCHAA raised the issue that FSSAI is seeking the hard copy of documents for issuing of the out of Scope item .In this regard, FSSAI was to take up the matter with higher authority , therefore, they would not insist for documents for issuing of out of scope items.

Chair asked FSSAI about the current status of the issue and FSSAI representative informed that the matter has already been sorted out by FSSAI regional office and they are releasing out of scope items without insisting any hard copies of documents. He further added that presently no one is approaching their office for out of scope items and all out of scopes are being

(Point closed)

9. Entry time of containers at Parking Plaza should be treated on par with gate cut-off time of port terminals:

In last CCFC, BCHAA requested all Port Terminals to treat the entry time of containers at Parking Plaza as Gate cut off time of port. In this regard, Chair directed all the port terminals to do a study of time taken from parking plaza to port terminal and specify lead time so that exporter is sure about the chance of cargo going by the designated vessel.

NSICT informed that they conducted a study in this regard and the average time taken from Parking Plaza to Gate In at port is around 2 ½ hrs. and further informed that since last meeting to till date, there is no instance where container from Parking Plaza was shutout due to cut off time.

Custom Brokers Associations took objection to this and stated that they were neither part of the study nor aware of any such study and further informed that there are several instances of shut outs, even though NSICT has been very considerate in allowing request and however, the same is not the case with other two Terminals.

Chair expressed concern that there are contradictory claims as Terminals are saying no shut out, whereas trade is stating that there are lot of shut outs and asked BCHAA to provide the data and instances detailing leaving time from parking plaza to port terminals and sailing time of vessel with shut outs, if any, so that problem could be resolved and all such matter may be taken up in their meeting with Commissioner, NS-(Gen). (Action: BCHAA)

10. <u>Infrastructure and Amenities at Parking Plaza for operational</u> staff:

In last meeting, BCHAA and other Trade demanded adequate infrastructure and amenities in parking Plaza for operational staffs.

JNPT informed that they have given work order for the same. NSICT assured to provide the facility by 28th march, 2017 and GTI informed that shed is ready and water facility will be ready in a day or two.

Chair directed all Port Terminals to provide the required facilities at parking plaza within a week time & all the work to be completed by 3rd April, 2017. (Action: Port Terminals, Timeline: March/April, 2017)

11. <u>Proposal for message exchange of LEO copy between Customs and Shipping Lines.</u>

In last meeting, Trade raised the issue of non-availability of Shipping Lines at Port User's Building (PUB) for acceptance of export documents after LEO. Chair floated the idea of message exchange of LEO copy between Customs and Shipping Lines to avoid submission of manual copy of LEO and consequent delay.

Accordingly, EDI, JNCH has written letter F.No.EDI-44/2007JNCH dated 03.03.2017 to Addl. Director (Systems) New Delhi to make provision in system for message exchange. (Point Closed)

New points:-

1. <u>Issues pertaining to DPD</u>

A. Points raised by BCHAA:-

i. E form 13 submission:

BCHAA stated that E-form 13 is additional paper work and requested to do away with it, as entire data is already available in the Delivery Order. They further added that all terminals are insisting for the same. NSICT stated that Shipping lines provide user ID and password to CB and they can obtain E form 13 online in their premises through system without visiting any Terminal/Shipping line office. Chair enquired about the necessity of E-form 13 as the data is already available in the Delivery order. NSICT informed that E form 13 has a barcode, Delivery Order does not have the same, which is required to capture and verify the data through barcode.

BCHAA raised that point that in case of other than DPD, Delivery Order is transferred to CFS without having any barcode then why Terminals requires barcode system for DPD. NSICT explained the need of barcode for verification and population of data in their system.

Chair enquired with NSICT ,how JNPT & GTI are not insisting of E –form 13 based barcode and in response ,NSICT informed that JNPT & GTI gates are not as automated as theirs ,hence barcode based E –form 13 is not operational at JNPT and GTI.

Chair asked port terminals to explore the possibility of generation E-form 13 along with delivery order so that time and frequency of visits by trade can be avoided. NSICT assured that they would discuss with Shipping Lines to find out whether E-form 13 can be generated along with Delivery Order.

At the end, Chair suggested port Terminals to have a meeting on 29th march, 2017 with all stake holders under the supervision of Commissioner (General) to sort out the matter and come out with a solution.

(Action: Port Terminals & Shipping Lines)

ii. Custom brokers should be allowed to maintain P.D. Account with Terminals

BCHAA raised the demand that Customs Broker should have option to create P.D. Account with terminals.

Terminals representative informed that this facility is only available for Importer because they have registered with them and as far as Broker is concerned they do not have any details of Custom Broker and each broker may be handling several importers. So this demand cannot be fulfilled.

Chair asked port terminals to take up this matter for discussion in the meeting scheduled for 29.03.2017. (Action: BCHAA, Terminals)

iii. Customs Broker Employees should be provided with yearly passes to obtain DPD.

BCHAA demanded that their employees should be provided with yearly passes to enter port terminals to obtain DPD delivery.

Port Terminals informed that CISF is nodal agency to look after this issue and passes are being issued directly to importers for one week or one month.

Chair directed Commissioner, NS-Gen and Port Terminals to call a meeting with Commandant, CISF to sort out the issue.

(Action: Comm. NS-Gen, Port Terminals)

iv. Loading of container should be done in such a manner that door of the container is always on the rear side of the trailer:

BCHAA raised the issue that import containers are loaded on trailers with door towards the cabin of the trailer & they have to change the direction of the container outside the terminal.

GTI informed that due to space constraint and direction of the vehicular movement, the direction in which container is off-loaded from the vessel and in the same direction container is placed on the trailer.

Chair took exception to this type of loading of container on to the trailers causing security hazard and inconvenience to trade and directed all Port Terminals to change procedure immediately. He has further directed to JC/P(G) to look into the matter.

(Action: Port Terminals, JC/P(G)

v. All Port Terminals should raise billing invoice immediately on container/consignment wise:

BCHAA informed that port terminals are issuing invoices immediately after the transaction and requested for issuance of transaction based invoices. NSICT & GTI informed that they are issuing invoice once in every 24 hrs and sending invoices directly to Importer by Email.

Chair directed all Terminals to issue invoices every 24 hrs electronically.

(Point closed)

vi. JNPT terminals are not stacking DPD containers separately:-

BCHAA raised the issue that JNPT Terminals are not stacking the DPD Containers separately causing delay in delivery of normal containers.

JNPT informed that this problem has been resolved and now, yard no. 55, 56 & 70 have been allotted for stacking DPD containers.

(Point Closed)

vii. Nodal Officers required on 24X7 at each terminal with contact details:

BCHAA requested for designation of the nodal officers on 24X 7 at each terminals with contact details.

NSICT informed that information of nodal officer with contact details are available at all Terminals. (Point Closed)

B. Points raised by WISA:-

i. <u>Special service request (SSR), Additional Service request (ASR) or</u> <u>Interchange number request (ITR) not to be insisted by</u> terminals for DPD delivery:

WISA demanded that Terminals should not insist for SSR, ASR & ITR for change of code etc. They further stated that IAL list should be displayed on Port Terminals website so that they can verify their details and changes be informed to the Port Terminals well in advance.

Chair suggested that truncated information stating only code of the container as indicated in the IAL can be published on the Port Terminals website and also asked to Shipping Lines to send a mail to the importer.

(Action: Port Terminals & Shipping Lines)

2. <u>Shipping lines are issuing Manual Delivery order</u> Instead of E-DO: (Points sponsored by AIWCBA)

All India Women Custom Brokers Association raised the issue of manual DO still being issued by many of Shipping Lines and suggested that CFSs should stop delivery of cargo with manual DO.

Chair welcomed the idea and requested all Shipping Lines and NVOCC to strictly adhere to the issuance of E-do and asked Customs Broker Association to bring all such manual E-Do cases to the notice of Commissioner (General) so that a penal action can be initiated against such Shipping Lines.

(Action: Custom Broker

Association)

3. No use bond: As prescribed under PN No. 182/2016: (Points sponsored by Custom)

The Public Notice 182/2016, JNCH made a provision for execution of 'No Use Bond' pending NOC by PGA .This facility enables the importers to take the goods to his warehouse/premises on completion of PGA formalities such as drawl of sample etc. on execution of No Use Bond undertaking not to use the goods till final NOC is given by PGAs.

Chair explained the procedure and asked all stakeholders to popularize the same as it could save substantial time and cost to the importers, BCHAA and other broker associations assured the chair that they would make all efforts to popularize the same

(Point closed)

4. On wheel Examination of DPD containers:

(Points raised by Custom)

JNCH Customs has requested that Port Terminals to provide facilities for on wheel examination of containers by designating some area with in Terminals for DPD containers and this would address the problem faced by PGAs in drawl of sample and verification labelling etc.

Port Terminals agreed to look into the matter and revert in the next meeting.

(Action: Port Terminals)

5. <u>Inadequate Facilities and proper office Space for Boarding Staff:</u> (Points raised by Custom)

JNCH raised the issue that terminals are not providing adequate facilities and proper office space for Boarding Staff and Chair directed to all Terminals to provide the required facilities to Boarding Staffs at the earliest. JC(PG) was directed to monitor the progress in the matter.

(Action: Port Terminals)

6. Shipping lines offices are not working on Saturday to attend import related work and staff handling export related work should attend the import work also: (Points raised by Custom)

BCHAA and other Associations, many a time, raised the issue of Shipping Lines not having their office in vicinity of JNCH and also not working on Saturday & Sunday. Chair suggested that Shipping Lines staff handling export related work should attend to the import work on these days

CSLA representative stated that Delivery Orders are issued in advance so there is no need for opening offices on Saturday and Sunday. He further added that, earlier, on experimental basis they have opened their office on Saturday & Sunday but not a single person turned up, so it is waste of time and resources.

Chair asked Shipping Lines to be considerate and ensure that deliveries are not delayed on account of this reason. (Action: Shipping Lines)

7. Delay in completion of formalities of dual use bond with ADC:

WISA raised the issue that in case of import of items capable of dual use, importers have to execute 'dual use bond' with ADC and for the same they have to approach their ADC HQ in Mumbai and it takes 4-5 days for processing the same and ultimately NOC is granted after a weeks' time.

ADC representative informed that earlier Bond was accepted at JNCH, due to administrative reasons, the same is now being done at HQ in Mumbai.

During discussing, BCHAA suggested that a list can be provided for dual use items and Importer should have an option to file 'Dual Use Bond' in advance of 10-15 days with ADC without a Bill of Entry. Therefore, precious time can be saved.

Chair asked ADC to consider the suggestion of allowing importers to file 'Dual Use Bond' in advance so that process can be completed before filing Bill of Entry and ADC NOC is granted immediately on filing of Bill of Entry.

(Action: ADC)

8. NO Manual reference to PGAs:-

BCHAA pointed out that FSSAI doesn't receive all data in a B/E so they insist for hard copy of the documents. FSSAI informed that if there are many items in a B/E, they don't receive detail of the all items in their system, hence they seek hard copy as to verify the details.

The chair enquired FSSAI about the documents they seek for issuance of NOC. FSSAI replied that they insist for hard copy of B/E, Examination Order, certificate of analysis, packing list, FSSAI import licence etc. for FSSAI item and for Non-FSSAI item, they only verify copy of B/E, Examination order and End use declaration.

ADC, Sh. Vijay Risi, stressed that FSSAI should require only packing list and ingredients list and should not ask for all other documents. FSSAI clarified that they only seek hard copy of documents when B/E is not exchanged through Single Window System.

Chair directed that no manual reference is to be made to PGAs and if any, Docks Officer makes such reference and same shall be brought to notice of respective Commissioner. Chair also directed FSSAI not to ask for several documents and issue NOC on the basis of packing list and ingredients list for food items and not to seek any documents for Non-FSSAI items.

(Action: FSSAI)

9. Increase in working hours for Export Assessment & Examination:

Custom Broker Associations requested to Increase working hours for Export Assessment & Examination to facilitate trade and reduce dwell time.

Chair informed that assessment time can be extended but timing cannot be extended. However, it can be considered for RMS facilitated Shipping Bills.

(Point Closed)

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

Sd/-(04.04.2017) (B. LOKANATH REDDY) Deputy Commissioner of Customs, CCO, JNCH, Nhava Sheva

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