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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (N.S.-IV) JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA SHEVA TAL: URAN, DIST-RAIGAD, MAHARASTRA-400707.

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The monthly meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) (Export) was held on 27.08.2015 at 11.30 AM in the Conference Hall at the 7th floor of the Custom House. The meeting was chaired by Shri S.H. Hasan, Principal Commissioner of Customs (General & N.S-II), JNCH.

The following members of trade attended the meeting:

- Sr. No. Name and Designation
- 01 Shri Mohan Nihlani, AIIEA
- 02 Shri Milan Desai
- 03 Shri Suresh Dalvi, BCHAA
- 04 Shri Subhash Rajkumar, MANSA.
- 05 Shri V.K. Agarwal GM (Onida)
- 06. Shri Manish Kumar, MANSA
- 07. Shri Yash Vardhan, Vaisho Logistics Yard CFS
- 08 Shri R.Rajasekhar, UPL Ltd.
- 09 Shri Mark S. Fernandes

Sr. No Name and Designation

- 10 Shri Salim Shikalgar, APM Terminals
- 11 Shri Vinayak B. Apraraj
- 12 Shri Paresh Shah
- 13 Shri D.L. Thakkar, BCHAA
- 14 Shri Jude Fernandes, INDEV CFS
- 15 Shri Ganpat P. Korade, BCHAA
- 16 Shri Victor Fernandes, MANSA
- 17 Shri Nimish Desai, WISA
- 18 Shri Laksha Tadadikar, Ameya Logistics

2. The following officers of the Department attended the meeting:-

- Sr. No.Name and Designation
- 01 Shri Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs (N.S.- IV),
- 02 Shri Dr. Ashir Tyagi, Additional Commissioner of Customs
- 03 Shri Rajesh Kumar Agarwal, Additional Commissioner of Customs
- 04 Shri Rakesh Goel, Additional Commissioner of Customs
- 05 Shri Alok Agarwal, Joint Commissioner of Customs
- 06 Shri Neelkanth Shelke, Joint Commissioner of Customs
- 07 Shri Siddalingesh, Deputy Commissioner of Customs

3. The Principal Commissioner welcomed all the members and the meeting commenced. The Minutes of the PTFC meeting held on 30.07.2015 were confirmed. Agenda points were circulated among the members.

4. The following points came up for discussion in the present PTFC meeting:

Point No. I. Monitoring cell and Bond acceptance in group VII (Exports)

Acceptance of bonds and closing of files for Advance authorisation is complex and lengthy process. It is observed that the existing staff and the Joint Commissioner is putting their best effort on this. However, procedure takes time and needs to be simplified.

Letters submitted by Exporters or EODC received online are not getting registered in file hence closures are getting delayed resulting in live consignments held up.

REPLY: Shri Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs, NS-IV, JNCH informed the members that the Execution of BG/Legal undertaking for Advance Authorisation/ EPCG Authorisation is done as per the statutory provision and in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the Notification under which the respective authorizations are issued. Para 4.47 (b)(i) and 4.47(b)(ii) of the Hand Book of Procedures I, mentions that a copy of EODC will also be endorsed by Regional Authority to Customs at the Port of Registration by post till system of transmitting these through EDI under message exchange between DGFT and CBEC is introduced. Hence the LUT/BOND given by authorization holder can not be cancelled merely on the basis of online information available on DGFT website regarding EODC. EODCs are required to be submitted in terms of conditions of concerned exemption Notification and therefore it is statutory requirement. Further request was made to inform other members of trade to submit EODC in all pending Authorisations /Licences, if not submitted earlier.

Point No. II: Stamp duty on High Seas Sales Contracts:

4.2. An email dated 24.08.2015 was received from Mr. Nimish Desai regarding the recent amendment in 'The Maharashtra Stamp Act' which raised stamp duty on "Customs & Excise Bonds" from Rs. 100/- to Rs.500/-. He further stated that Import Noting department was insisting 'High Seas Sale' contracts also to be made on stamp paper of Rs.500/-.

REPLY : It was informed that the 'High Seas Sale' is an agreement of sale between two private entities and not a customs & central excise Bond, as covered by the Maharashtra Stamp Act. It was also informed that the Import Noting section is now not insisting on Rs. 500/- Stamp Paper for "High Seas Sale" agreement and is accepting Rs. 100/- Stamp Paper.

5. The next PTFC Meeting is scheduled to be held on **Thursday**, **24.09.2015** at **11.30 AM** in Conference Hall, 7th Floor, JNCH. The PTFC members/trade representatives are requested to forward their agenda points, if any, well in advance, latest by **21.09.2015** on Fax No. 022-27243245 or by e-mail to Appraising Main (Export) Section on amx24082012nhavasheva@gmail.com for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC Meeting.

6. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

7. This issues with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (N.S.-IV), JNCH.

Sd/-(R.K. AGARWAL) Addl.Commissioner of Customs Appraising Main (Export), JNCH

To, All the Members of PTFC by e-mail Copy to:-

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

2. The Principal Commissioner of Customs (NS-Gen & II), JNCH, Nhava Sheva

3. The Commissioner of Customs (NS-IV), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

4. All ADC/JC, DC/AC of Customs (N.S.-Gen, II & IV), JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

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