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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DIRECT PORT DELIVERY HELD ON
24.06.2016**

The consultative Meeting on Direct Port Delivery held on 24.06.2016 was co-chaired by Shri D. K. Srinivas, Commissioner NS -I & III, Shri V.S. Chauhan , Commissioner of Customs, NS-V and Shri Subhash Agrawal, Commissioner of Customs, NS-IV and attended by the following Members/Participants of trade -

Sr. No.	Names (S/Shri)	Organization/Association/Designation
1	Dilawar Shaikh	M/s Shree Ajit Pulp & Paper Ltd.
2	MilindRane	M/s Lila Polymer Pvt. Ltd.
3	AyushAkotiya	M/s L.G. Electronics India Pvt. Ltd.
4	SukdevPatra	M/s Indo Afrique Paper Mills Pvt. Ltd.
5	Hitesh Patel	M/s Laxmi Board Paper Mills Pvt. Ltd.
6	VivekSoman	M/sJabil Circuit India Pvt. Ltd.
7	B.Mohanty	M/s Atlas Copco (India) Ltd.
8	Mallikarjuna Reddy P.	M/s Lapp India Pvt. Ltd.
9	Nilesh Desai	M/s Samsonite South Asia Pvt. Ltd.
10	Deep S.Sijpal	M/s SushilaParmarInternationa Pvt. Ltd.
11	Sakil K. Kazi	M/s BASF India Ltd.
12	Rajendra H. More	M/s N.R. Agarwal India Ltd.
13	Manoj S. Rathod	M/s Best Paper Mills Pvt. Ltd.
14	BipinChinchkar	M/s Armstrong World Industries Pvt. Ltd.
15	Rahul R. Mhatre	M/s D.P. World
16	Hasan Golwala	M/s Supreme Industries Ltd.
17	NileshNaik	M/s Dell International Service India P.Ltd.
18	N.R. Gosalia	M/s RamniklalS.Gosalia& Co.
19	Vikram Vijay	M/s Overseas Polymers
20	Ganpat P. Karade	BCHAA
21	Sailesh Bhatia	BCHAA
22	Milan Desai	BCHAA
23	Ramesh Rane	BCCL
24	Rajesh Yadav	SCPL
25	JagdishR.Patil	JNPT
26	AtulJahangirdar	APMT
27	Capt. B. Fernando	NSICT (DP World)

Following officers from Department attended the meeting -

	Name (S/Shri)	Designation
01	Vijay Rishi	Adl. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
02	B.S. Mangat	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, JNCH
04	ChandeshwarPandit	Appraiser, AM(I), JNCH
05	SajjanSanjiv Kumar	Suptd. Boarding office, JNCH

2. At the outset, the Chairpersons welcomed all the members. Thereafter, the Chairpersons informed that the Department has granted permission for Direct Port Delivery to 47 ACP status holder /Importers upto the month of June, 2016 (till date) and another 11 applications are under process of granting DPD permission.

During the discussions, the following points were raised by trade and member participants:

(a) **Installation of Printers at Boarding office:**

The trade informed that there is no printing facility at Boarding office for printing of Bills of Entry after out of charge. They have to move to CFS for getting print of documents which takes time and results indelay. Moreover, the printing of Bills of Entry remains closed at CFS on Saturday and Sunday. It is a hindrance of Direct Port Delivery scheme.

(Action: The Chairperson assured that the Printer will be installed at Boarding Office shortly to address this difficulty).

(b) **Scanning:**

The trade informed that the scanning hold Containers get delayed for clearance as they have to be first scanned which takes considerable time. It was suggested by trade that the scanning of containers be minimised. Further that sometimes there was delay in release of scanning lists which creates problems.

(Action: The Chairperson informed that the containers are scanned for security reasons and on an average only 7% of the containers are selected at random for scanning. Further instructions were already in vogue to release the remaining containers. That the delay in scanning lists is a rare phenomenon.

(c) **Security Deposit:**

It was informed that the Port NSICT Terminal is taking security deposit of Rs. 2,00,000/- for DPD Code and Rs. 1,00,000/- for maintaining P.D.(Recurring) Account. Further, APM Terminal is taking security deposit of Rs. 10,00,000/- for DPD Code and Rs. 2,00,000/- for maintaining P.D.(Recurring) Account. The deposit amount are very high and are a strain on the importer.

(Action: The GTI representative clarified that in view of the difficulty faced by the importers, the Security Deposit has been reduced from Rs.10 Lacs to Rs. 3 Lacs for DPD Code and from Rs. 2 Lacs to Rs. 1 Lacs for maintaining (P.D.) Recurring Account. The importers who have paid higher amounts can claim refund. The

Chairperson stated that the DPD facility is aimed at reducing the costs and time delays for Exim trade. By imposing the charges unilaterally, the terminals are defeating the purpose and they should stop collecting such charges like JNPT terminal.

(d) Two shift Charges & Directly debited from Account:

It was informed that APM Terminal & NSICT were charging very high charges for DPD deliveries. APMT & NSICT were charging two shifting charges for the first 72 hours and 3rd shifting charges after 72 hours while JNPT authority was not charging any shifting charges. Further, the importers stated that APMT and NSICT deduct charges from their P.D. (Recurring) Account itself. There is no clarity on such deductions.

(Action: The APM Terminal & NSICT Authority clarified that they have very little space for handling the containers. They shift the containers frequently to move the DPD facilitated containers. Therefore they charge two shift charges. JNPT has no problem of space. The same was being charged as per the Circular issued by the JNPT authorities. The chairperson asked them to reconsider the charges and abolish such unilateral imposition to reduce the cost to importers).

(e) Port Terminal asking for more documents:

It was informed that Port Authority were asking for many documents for issuing DPD Code and insisting that all the documents should be duly notarized. It becomes difficult for trade to collect so many documents and it is time taking.

(Action: Representatives of APMT & NSICT terminals clarified that they are seeking minimum documents like Customs DPD permission letter, copy of PAN Card, Security Bond, Copy of IEC etc. for issuing DPD code and these were the essential documents. That they would relook into the condition that all documents have to be notarized and try to accept self-certified copies).

(f) Standing Order 21/2015:

The trade requested that in case of any problem with EDI system, the out of charge of the Bills of Entry are held up and they cannot take delivery of their DPD containers. They requested that as in case of Bills of Entry being cleared from CFSs, if the EDI System has any problem, manual out of charge may be given for DPD containers also. They referred to Standing Order 21/2015 and requested that the same be made applicable to DPD clearances also.

(Action: The Chairperson assured that the matter would be looked into and suitable directions will be issued.)

(g) **FAQ on DPD:**

It was suggested by the trade that a menu in JNCH site may be inserted as "FAQ on DPD " and procedure for DPD clearance may be mentioned as Frequently Asked Question for the guidance of the importers and all stakeholders to ease the difficulty faced. It will be easy for the trade to refer to the FAQ and resolve their problems.

(Action: The chairperson assured the trade that the department is taking all necessary steps for smooth running of the DPD scheme. He informed that further necessary measures will be taken to remove the difficulty faced by trade. He has requested all the three terminals to make the FAQs on DPD as part of their websites).

(h) **Prior to final:**

It was informed by trade that the prior Bill of Entry has to be matched with the IGM filed to make it a Final Bill of Entry. This matching can be done by the Import Noting Section or Docks Officer in the EDI system. They requested that the facility may be granted to the Superintendent of Customs, Boarding office for the same purpose.

(Action: The chairperson assured that the facility to match the Prior Bill of Entry to the IGM will be available to the Superintendent of Customs, Boarding Office and suitable directions will be issued to the Superintendent of Customs, Boarding Office for the same).

(i) **One Agency should monitor DPD facility:**

It is suggested by trade that it will be better for them if the whole powers of granting DPD facility was handled by only one authority who will also monitor the DPD Scheme. That if all procedure/work like Customs, Customs duty part, Port, container delivery will be monitored by a single office, it will be very easy for trade to get every work done at one place and it will also help the implementation of Single Window System.

(Action: The Chairperson informed that DPD clearance involves with various offices like Shipping Lines, Port Terminal, Customs etc which is guided by various Department/Ministry. It will be very difficult to be monitored by a single office, however Customs would act as a nodal agency to bring various stakeholders together for improving the DPD scheme.)

(j) M/s Balaji Shipping Line are charging extra for DPD facility:

It was informed by trade that M/s Balaji Shipping Line were charging extra approx.Rs7,000/- for every Container being cleared with DPD facilitation which was very much on the higher side.

(Action : The Chairperson informed that the matter is related to Shipping Line and that there is no representative from Shipping Line present. He further asked them to represent to the Ministry of Shipping who have control over the Shipping Lines).

3. The members of the meeting were informed that necessary steps will be taken to resolve the issues raised in the meeting. It was also requested to make the DPD Scheme a success and take the facility of Direct Port Delivery scheme.
4. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.
5. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs NS-I & III.

(B. S MANGAT)

**DY. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
CENTRALISED APPRAISING MAIN,
NS-I, III & V JNCH**

To
All the Members of DPD

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