

 सत्यमेव जयते	भारत सरकार/ Government of India वित्त मंत्रालय / Ministry of Finance आयुक्त सीमाशुल्क एन.एस.-II का कार्यालय Office of Commissioner of Customs NS-II, मुख्य निर्यात का मूल्यांकन, Appraising Main Export, जवाहरलाल नेहरू कस्टम हाउस, न्हावा शेवा, Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House, Nhava Sheva, जिला - रायगढ़, महाराष्ट्र - 400 707 Dist.- Raigad, Maharashtra - 400 707 E-mail: apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in	
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दिनांक **23.03.2026** को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (निर्यात) (सामान्य) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT & GENERAL) MARCH- 2026 HELD ON 23.03.2026

The monthly PTFC meeting was held in hybrid mode at 1500 hrs on 23.03.2026 chaired by Shri Giridhar G. Pai, Commissioner of Customs (NS – II), JNCH and attended by Smt. B. Sumidaa Devi, Commissioner of Customs (NS-General), JNCH.

2. The meeting was physically attended by the following members/participants of the trade & other stakeholders:

क्र.सं./Sr No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names (Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	(संगठन/संघ/पदनाम) Organisation/Association
1.	Roshan Irani	AIWCA
2.	Leena Ganguly	AIWCBA
3.	Mark S Fernandes	Sylvester & Co. Ltd
4.	Nimish Desai	WISA
5.	Paras Shah	BCBA
6.	Jacob Thomas	CFSAI
7.	Nikhil Bhandary	Western India Bonded Warehouse Association
8.	Ajay Sharma	Jetspeed Logistics
9.	Ajit Singh	CFSAI
10.	Dixit Gharat	CPP

3 . The meeting was virtually attended by the following members/participants of the trade & other stakeholders:

नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती)	(संगठन/संघ/पदनाम)

क्र.सं./Sr No.	Names (Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	Organisation/Association
1.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
2.	Chaitaly Mehta	BCBA
3.	Ganpat Korde	BCBA
4.	Paresh Shah	WISA
5.	Rekha	CSLA

4. विभाग की ओर से निम्नलिखित अधिकारियों ने बैठक में भाग लिया -
Following Officers from the department attended the meeting: -

क्रमसं./Sr.No.	नाम(सर्वश्री) Name of Officers (Shri/Mrs./Ms)	पदनाम Designation
1.	Raghu Kiran B.	Commissioner of Customs (In-situ)
2.	Manoj Kumar	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
3.	Sachin S. Pagare	Deputy Commissioner of Customs
4.	Hunny Bansal	Apprasier, AM(X)
5.	Shubham Choudhary	Examiner, AM(X)

All participants were welcomed by Shri Giridhar G. Pai, Commissioner of Customs, NS-II, JNCH.

5. Agenda Points for the PTFC Meeting:

S.No.	Issue in Brief	Sponsoring Stakeholders	Brief Record of Discussion	Closed/Open
1.	Request for Ground-Level Implementation of Measures Announced in view of the Disruptions. Recent geopolitical tensions in the Middle East have disrupted global logistics, causing route restrictions, diversion of vessels, and stranding of export cargo at Indian ports. Although various authorities have issued circulars and SOPs to ease	BCBA	In this context, it is submitted that Public Notice 31/2026 dt: 06.03.2026 regarding "Procedure for allowing "Back to Town" (BTT) of Export Cargo where EGM has not been filed in view of ongoing war conditions in the Middle East region" and Public Notice 36/2026 dt: 16.03.2026 regarding "Procedure for handling of export cargo for which	Closed

the situation, these measures are not being effectively implemented at the ground level, resulting in continued operational difficulties for EXIM trade.

A key issue is the non-implementation of the facility for cancellation of Shipping Bills post EGM as envisaged in Circular No. 09/2026-Customs. In its absence, field formations are insisting on refund/reversal of IGST, RoDTEP, and Drawback along with NOCs before permitting Back to Town (BTT), leading to practical challenges for exporters and Customs Brokers.

Points / Requests:

- Designation of a Nodal Officer to coordinate with ministries and stakeholders for effective implementation of relief measures.
- Issuance of clear instructions to ensure uniform implementation across field formations and avoid hardship to trade.
- Procedural facilitation for BTT of export cargo, including:
 - a) Allowing direct BTT from terminals for factory-stuffed, self-sealed RFID containers without re-examination.
 - b) Permitting direct movement of dock-stuffed containers to

EGM/SDM has been filed returning to Nhava Sheva/Jawaharlal Nehru Port in the wake of closure of the Strait of Hormuz due to geopolitical situations in the Middle East” issued in pursuance to CBIC Circular No. 09/2026-Customs dated 08.03.2026 & Circular No. 10/2026-Customs dated 10.03.2026.

	<p>exporter premises/warehouse instead of routing through CFS, with seal verification based on CLP at gate-out.</p>			
<p>2.</p>	<p>Abandoned Containers: As mentioned in the previous PTFC meetings too, several thousand containers still remain long standing not only for several months but even years. As per the Board Circular 50/2005, the maximum number of auctions/tenders to which a lot is subjected should be four, with the goods to be necessarily sold to the highest bidder at whatever price received. However, despite this, containers are kept languishing for several years, thereby the cargo losing its value & the containers occupying space at the CFSs. While on the one hand, the shipping lines continue to reposition empty containers into the country at a huge cost to serve the export trade, on the other, these long standing containers continue to be made unavailable to Indian exporters for their export commitments. This not only hits Indian exports adversely but also increases the cost of logistics. A time limit should be set for the clearance of these containers beyond which, the cargo should be destuffed & the empty containers released to the concerned lines to enable them to allot those boxes for exports.</p>	<p>CSLA</p>	<p>It is submitted that as per Board Circular No. 50/2005, a lot should ordinarily be subjected to a maximum of four auctions/tenders and thereafter be sold to the highest bidder at the available price. However, Para 8.9 of the Customs Disposal Manual, 2019 empowers the Jurisdictional Principal Commissioner/Commissioner to cancel an auction and order re-auction in appropriate cases. Accordingly, even after multiple attempts, confirmation of sale may be withheld or re-auction ordered in situations such as non-submission of mandatory licenses, non-compliance with CCRs, pending clearances from Participating Government Agencies (PGAs), or other regulatory requirements. It has been observed that delays are occurring on the part of custodians in carrying out destruction, even after approval has been granted by the Commissioner (General). Instances include CFSs such as CWC Logistics Park (Polaris), Punjab Conware, and Ameya Logistics, where destruction has not been undertaken in a timely manner. Further, more than 300 cases remain pending due to non-receipt of requisite NOCs from PGAs such as FSSAI, Plant Quarantine (PQ), Phyto authorities, MPCB, and</p>	<p>Closed</p>

			<p>others. At the same time, it is submitted that continuous and coordinated efforts are being made by the Department, custodians, and other stakeholders to expedite disposal of long-pending containers. Measures such as close monitoring of pendency, expediting inter-departmental consultations, prompt fixation of reserve prices, and timely scheduling of e-auctions are being undertaken to reduce dwell time. In PAC-related matters, a DO letter has also been issued to MPCB to expedite the NOC process.</p>	
3.	<p>Short landing process of Import Shipment case: In the SCMT system, when a shipment previously short landed at Nhava Sheva port is not accepted in the Sea Arrival Manifest for the next vessel unless the short landing process has been completed in the customs EDI system. The system displays the error "this BL already exists." In version 1.5, the same BL was permitted on multiple vessels; however, in SCMT, acceptance is restricted until the container is deleted from the system. Currently, obtaining approval for short landing amendments can take 10–15 days due to the requirement for hard copy documents, such as a letter from the importer, invoice, and packing list. Short landing cases typically arise from operational or last port issues. As there are no changes to cargo weight, number of</p>	CSLA	<p>It is submitted that the delay for obtaining approval for short landing amendments is due to delay in submissions by the shipping line. This office processes the application on the same day and permission is granted within stipulated period of 24 hours on the receipt of complete application, if the NOC received from the Group (in cases where BE is filed). Further, as suggested, the short landing amendment can be processed on the basis of request letter from the Shipping line, short landing intimation from the port and the master of the vessel and short landing certificate issued by the Boarding office without insisting for letter from the importer, invoice and packing list.</p>	Closed

<p>packages, or importer's details, there is no revenue impact resulting from short landing. We respectfully request JNCH to permit short landing amendments based on the shipping line explanation letter and short landing certificate issued by the boarding department. Prompt deletion of short landed shipments will facilitate timely filing of the Sea Arrival Manifest for subsequent vessels.</p>			
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6. The members of the meeting were informed that the date of conducting next PTFC meeting (Export & General) shall be informed well in advance. All the Association members were requested to forward their agenda points, if any, at least 07 working days in advance by e-mail to Appraising Main (Export) Section on apmainexp@jawaharcustoms.gov.in for taking up the issue in the upcoming PTFC meeting.

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

8. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, NS-II.

9. Any amendments to these minutes to be provided within the next five working days.

10. Minutes are placed on the JNCH website and also sent through emails to the members.

(Sunil Sathianesan)

उप आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क / Assistant Commissioner of Customs,
मूल्य निरूपण मुख्य (निर्यात) / Appraising Main (X),
जे.एन.सी.एच., न्हावाशेवा / JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

सेवामें / **To,**

पी.टी.एफ.सी. के सभी सदस्यों को ईमेल के माध्यम से / All the Members of PTFC (through email)

प्रतिलिपि / **Copy to** : (ईमेल के माध्यम से)

1. मुख्य आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क, मुंबई अंचल-II / Chief Commissioner of Customs, MUM

Zone-II;

2. प्रधानअपरमहानिदेशक, करदाता सेवा महानिदेशालय, मुंबई/The Principal Add. Director General, Directorate General of Tax Payers Services, Mumbai Zonal Unit, room No 138/139, New Custom House, Mumbai-400001(mzudgtps@gov.in);
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5. सभी अपर/संयुक्त आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा /All ADCs/JCs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
6. सभी उप/सहा. आयुक्त, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा /All DCs/ACs JNCH, Nhava Sheva;
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