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दिनांक / **Date:18-05-2026**

दिनांक **23.04.2026** को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (निर्यात) (सामान्य) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE
FACILITATION COMMITTEE (EXPORT & GENERAL) APRIL- 2026 HELD
ON 23.04.2026**

The monthly PTFC meeting was held in hybrid mode at 1500 hrs on 23.04.2026 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.	Ganpat Korde	BCBA
2.	Kamal S Shah	BCBA
3.	Hema Jayakumar	BCBA
4.	Kuldeep Sawant	BCBA
5.	Narendra Bhagat	WIBWA

3 . The meeting was virtually 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.	Sunil Vaswani	CSLA
2.	Dixit Gharat	CPP

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.	Sachin S. Pagare	Deputy Commissioner of Customs
3.	Sunil Sathianesan	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
4.	Bhasha Ram	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
5.	Sangeeta Adhikari	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
6.	R.K. Singh	Supdt.(P), Disposal Section
7.	Hunny Bansal	Apprasier, AM(X)
8.	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.	Persistent congestion at terminals at JNPA affecting export clearances: We wish to bring to your notice the ongoing congestion at one or more terminals at JNPA over the past few days. Due to this, vehicles are facing long delays in moving from the CPP to terminal gates, causing export containers to miss their scheduled vessels. In some cases, containers are also not being moved from the CPP Buffer Yard to terminals within the prescribed cut-off time. These delays are increasing costs and causing operational difficulties. In the current global trade environment, it is important that export cargo reaches vessels on time without disruption. In view of this, we request your urgent intervention with the	BCBA	Reply from NS-Gen: The terminals have informed that operations are generally normal with all gates functioning and adequate resources deployed on a 24x7 basis. Any congestion is temporary, mainly during peak periods such as large vessel handling, and is managed without major disruption. Instances of containers missing cut-off timelines are stated to be infrequent and are	Closed

	concerned terminal operators to ensure smooth movement of cargo. We also request the following: • Cut-off timings may be extended for containers already moved from CPP/CFS and waiting for gate entry, so they can be loaded on the intended vessels. • Such decisions may be communicated in advance to all stakeholders, including trade and Customs. • No containers should be shut out, in line with JNCH Public Notice No. 73/2017 dated 08.06.2017.		handled on a case-to-case basis, subject to feasibility. Continuous extension of cut-off timings is not operationally feasible due to vessel planning and safety requirements. The terminal has advised stakeholders to adhere to prescribed cut-off timings and plan movements in advance. It has also suggested staggered movement of containers, including during night hours and weekends, to avoid peak-time congestion. The terminal has reiterated its commitment to ensuring smooth and efficient EXIM operations.	
2.	<u>System Issue in Cancellation of Registration for Open Examination containers at CPP:</u> It has been reported that due to a system-related issue, cancellation of registration for open examination cases at CPP is not being processed. As a result, containers are getting held up at the open examination centre, leading to delays, increased dwell time, and higher transaction costs. In view of this, it is requested to take up the matter with DG Systems for early resolution in the interest of EXIM trade.	BCBA	<u>Reply from CPP, NS-II</u> The issue was raised with ICEGATE and ICES and it has since been resolved.	Closed
3.	<u>Non-implementation of Two-Shift Export Examination at Connex CFS:</u> It is observed that although two-shift examination of export goods, as prescribed under Public Notice No. 19/2023 and 50/2025, is being followed at JWR CFS, the same is not being implemented at Connex	BCBA	<u>Reply from Connex CFS:</u> It is submitted that the concerns raised are not supported by the actual position at Connex CFS. As per records,	Closed

	CFS, where examination starts only post-lunch. This is causing delays in export clearance and undermining the intent of the Public Notices.		pendency of export examination and grant of LEO is NIL, and all consignments are being processed promptly without any backlog. Further, the procedures prescribed under Public Notice No. 19/2023 and 50/2025 are being duly followed, with operations managed efficiently in coordination with stakeholders. In view of the above, the contention regarding delays due to non-adherence at Connex CFS is not justified.	
4.	<u>Receipt of DBK Query on Exporter's Registered Email:</u> This is to request that, similar to import shipments, any queries raised for DBK (Drawback) claims be communicated directly to exporters on their ICEGATE-registered email IDs. This will enable timely response from exporters and help reduce overall processing time and dwell time for DBK claim release.	BCBA	<u>Reply from Drawback section:</u> In this regards, it is submitted that the issues raised pertain to system-related functionalities in ICES/ICEGATE. The same fall within the domain of DG (Systems) and require necessary system-level modifications/upgradations. Such changes cannot be undertaken at the level of the Drawback Section. Further, matter will be taken up with DG Systems for appropriate action. Accordingly, the trade may also take up the matter with DG (Systems).	Closed

5.	Scroll Status Correction & Re-processing Facility on ICEGATE It has been observed that scrolls cancelled by the PAO are not being correctly reflected on ICEGATE and continue to display the status as "Scroll Generated." In this regard, we request the following: - Necessary system updates may be carried out through the Directorate General of Systems and Data Management to ensure that the correct status of "Scroll Cancelled" is reflected on ICEGATE. - An online facility may be provided on ICEGATE enabling exporters to request re-processing of such cancelled scrolls. These measures will enhance transparency and streamline the drawback disbursement process.	BCBA	Reply from Drawback section: In this regards, it is submitted that the issues raised pertain to system-related functionalities in ICES/ICEGATE. The same fall within the domain of DG (Systems) and require necessary system-level modifications/upgradations. Such changes cannot be undertaken at the level of the Drawback Section. Further, matter will be taken up with DG Systems for appropriate action. Accordingly, the trade may also take up the matter with DG (Systems).	Closed
6.	Abandoned / Long Standing Containers: In view of the ongoing geopolitical situation, the services of the Container Shipping Lines to the Middle-East have been limited. In view of this, import loads & empty repositioning of containers from that region into India are being adversely impacted. That being the case, we foresee the possibility of an equipment crunch for export loads from India. While we deeply appreciate the efforts made by JNCH towards the release of long standing import containers, we request a greater push in getting these boxes released through quicker auctions or through the destuffing of cargo in a CFS or a bonded warehouse & the release of the empty containers by JNCH to the concerned CSLA member lines. Also, assistance from JNCH through follow-up with other agencies would indeed help towards India's exports. Consolidated latest	CSLA	Reply from NS-Gen: It is submitted that the Disposal Section is regularly identifying and processing long-standing/abandoned cargo in accordance with the Customs Act, 1962, Board Circular No. 50/2005, and the Customs Disposal Manual, 2019. As per the guidelines, a lot may undergo up to four auction attempts; however, the competent authority may cancel auctions, order re-auction, or refuse confirmation of sale due to non-compliance with regulatory	Closed

Long standing container details and email to JNCH attached for your kind reference.

requirements such as non-submission of licenses, CCR violations, or pending clearances from PGAs. Delays are also observed on the part of custodians in executing destruction orders even after approval. Additionally, over 300 cases are pending due to non-receipt of NOCs from PGAs such as FSSAI, PQ, PHYTO, MPCB, etc. Continuous efforts are being made to expedite disposal through close monitoring, faster auction processes, inter-departmental coordination, and regular stakeholder meetings. Special initiatives like DO correspondence with MPCB, CTF meetings, and Group Melas have been undertaken. Coordination with PGAs has resulted in one-time NOCs (e.g., from BARC for 117 commodities), while BIS has clarified that non-BIS goods cannot be auctioned. As a result, 1,249 TEUs were disposed of during April 2025–March 2026, compared to 769 TEUs in the previous year. These measures are expected to reduce congestion and expedite clearance of long-standing

7.	WIBWA has requested inclusion of an agenda in the upcoming PFTC meeting regarding accumulation of long-standing/abandoned cargo in bonded warehouses due to absence of a clear SOP for disposal, destruction, and auction. Issues raised: • No defined procedure for destruction of expired cargo • Absence of auction mechanism for bonded and Section 49 cargo • Indefinite retention of Section 49 cargo • Resultant space constraints and operational inefficiencies Requests: 1. Issuance of a comprehensive SOP with timelines and approval process 2. Introduction of custodian-led e-auction mechanism on lines of CFS/CCSP 3. Clear framework for disposal of Section 49 cargo, including retention limits 4. Periodic disposal drives under Customs supervision A uniform framework is expected to improve space utilization and operational efficiency.	WIBWA	containers. Reply from NS-Gen: It is submitted that disposal of bonded warehouse cargo is governed by Customs Notification No. 48/2018 dated 03.12.2018, while goods under Section 49 are dealt with as per relevant provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 and applicable instructions. The concerns regarding absence of SOP, auction mechanism, and timelines are noted. However, disposal of such cargo involves procedural and regulatory considerations, including ownership, duty liability, and coordination with the Bond Section. In this regard: • Formulation of a comprehensive SOP requires policy-level consideration by the Board • Fixation of retention period for Section 49 cargo also requires policy intervention Meanwhile, efforts are being made in coordination with custodians and PGAs to process long-pending cases within the existing	Closed
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			framework. Accordingly, the issues are being addressed under the current provisions, with continuous efforts to expedite disposal of long- standing cargo.	
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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.

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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)

- मुख्य आयुक्त, सीमाशुल्क, मुंबई अंचल-II/Chief Commissioner of Customs, MUM Zone-II;
- प्रधान अपर महानिदेशक, 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(mzu-dgtps@gov.in);

3. लोकपाल,अप्रत्यक्षकर,मुंबई/The Ombudsman, Indirect Taxes, Mumbai;
4. सीमाशुल्कआयुक्त, मुंबईअंचल-II/ Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II;
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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