

 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 /Date: As Signed

दिनांक 25.08.2026 को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' (निर्यात) (सामान्य) की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(EXPORT & GENERAL) AUGUST- 2026 HELD ON 25.08.2026**

The monthly PTFC meeting was held in hybrid mode at 1500 hrs on 25.08.2026 chaired by Shri Giridhar G. Pai, Commissioner of Customs (NS – II), JNCH and attended by Shri. Unmesh Sharad wagh, 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) Organization/Association
1.	Dixit H Gharat	CPP
2.	Sumeet Tanuru	CFSAI
3.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
4.	Salim Shikalgar	CFSAI
5.	Gaurav Sonawane	CPP

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.	Manish Kumar	CSLA
2.	Mohammed Hanif Bakshi	CSLA
3.	Rajeev Varadkar	CFSAI
4.	Umesh Grover	CFSAI
5.	Faiz Sayyed	DPW
6.	Rajesh Kumar Verma	ADC, CDSCO
7.	Ganpat Korde	BCBA
8.	Hiren Modha	PSA Mumbai
9.	Kamal Shah	BCBA
10.	Mark S Fernandes	Sylvester & Co
11.	PARESH VAIVADE	J.M.BAXI & CO
12.	Paras Shah	BCBA
13.	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.	Jyoti Agrawal	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
2.	Sanjay Bangartale	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
3.	K. Mahipal Chandra	Addl. Commissioner of Customs
4.	Sunil Sathtianesan	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
5.	Sudeep Mukherjee	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
6.	Bharat Lal Meena	Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
7.	Pradeep	Supdt.(P)/CCSP
8.	Hansraj Meena	Supdt.(P)/DBK
9.	Surender	Supdt.(P)/AM(X)
10.	Shubham Choudhary	Examiner/AM(X)
11.	Abhinav Pranami	PO/CCSP

Ms. Jyoti Agrawal, Addl. Commissioner of Customs opened the proceedings by welcoming Commissioner of Customs, NS-II and Commissioner of Customs, NS-Gen, Mumbai Customs Zone-II and other participants.

5. **Agenda Points for the PTFC Meeting August, 2026:**

S.No.	Issue in Brief	Sponsoring Stakeholders	Brief Record of Discussion	Closed/Open
1.	Congestion at JNPA Terminals Resulting in Delays in Export Container Gate-In: We would like to bring to your kind notice that severe congestion has been observed on a rotational basis at various terminals operating at JNPA. At present, significant congestion is being experienced at all terminals over the past few days, resulting in delays in EXIM container movements. The congestion is adversely impacting vehicle entry into the terminals, leading to increased trailer turnaround time and delays in the movement and gate-in of export containers. The issue was also raised in the PTFC Meeting held on 23.07.2026, wherein JN Customs directed all Terminal	BCBA	Reply: The issue of congestion at JNPA terminals affecting export container gate-in was taken up with the major terminal operators, viz. APM Terminals (GTI), DP World (NSICT), NSFT, PSA Mumbai and NSDT, seeking reports on the reasons for congestion, mitigation measures adopted and the impact on export cargo movement. The responses indicate that the congestion experienced was temporary and terminal-specific rather than system-wide. APM Terminals (GTI) attributed the congestion to lower import evacuation by CFSSs, leading to higher yard occupancy, while DP World (NSICT) reported that disruption in vessel schedules due to the prevailing geopolitical situation resulted in increased yard occupancy. Both terminals informed that operational measures such as optimisation of yard operations, additional resource	Open

	Operators to promptly communicate with stakeholders regarding any congestion, operational disruption, or service interruption at their respective terminals, along with the tentative timeline for restoration of normal operations. It is requested that the concerned authorities may kindly issue necessary directions to all Terminal Operators to ensure timely communication of operational disruptions and facilitate smooth and timely gate-in of export containers.		deployment, coordination with stakeholders and extension of vessel cut-off timings, wherever feasible, were undertaken to minimise delays. They also stated that no export containers were shut out due to congestion. PSA Mumbai and NSDT reported that no significant congestion was experienced at their terminals during the relevant period. NSDT further stated that vessel cut-off timings are extended whenever required to facilitate export cargo movement. In this regard, a separate meeting will be called with the terminals to discuss the difficulties faced by other Terminals in adherence to PN 73/2017. The Commissioner(G) is inclined to resolve this long pending issue. The matter is being closely monitored, and the terminals have also been advised to continue coordinating with shipping lines and other stakeholders to ensure seamless movement of EXIM cargo. Action to be taken: Commissioner (Gen) office to call for the meeting with the terminals and discuss the issue in length and directed terminal representatives to issue advisories regarding disruptions due to the developing geopolitical situation.	
2.	All CFS members have been registered and are actively working towards SCMTR implementation. However, members are facing various issues, which have been highlighted from time to time with the DG System team, ICEGATE team, and through various WhatsApp groups. While resolutions have been received for some cases, several issues are still pending, resulting in members being unable to proceed further with the implementation process. The detailed list of issues, along with their current status, has already been shared with the concerned teams. The major pending issues include: l. MFTP-related issues m. Registration-related issues n. API integration issues o. Acknowledgement	CFSAI	Reply: An email dated 13.08.2026 was forwarded to DG Systems with the said agenda points which is enclosed herewith.	Open

	(ACK) related issues Request: To address the above challenges and facilitate smooth SCMTR implementation, it is our humble request that a dedicated helpdesk/support desk be established for JNCH members.			
3.	SCMT Issues - The challenges related to SCMT filing were reported to JNCH one month ago but still remain unresolved. Shipping lines were previously able to use the EDI 1.5 filing process to regularize such cases. However, JNCH has discontinued the 1.5 filing process without resolving all the issues already highlighted. We therefore request JNCH to continue the existing 1.5 supplementary filing process until all pending issues are fully resolved.	CSLA	Reply: Based on Guidelines/Instructions issued by DG Systems, Supplementary IGM filing was extended till the 20 th of August 2026. Action to be taken: Commissioner (Gen) assured CSLA representatives that a detailed meeting will be scheduled with SCMTR Cell regarding issues faced by them in implementing Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR).	Open
4.	Amendment process for empty containers and TP containers - Empty containers do not have shipper or importer as they are imported to meet the country's export requirements and sometimes discharged to make space for Export containers. In some cases, foreign transit containers also need to be discharged as TP containers due to operational constraints. The current amendment process for adding or deleting records requires documents such as an invoice, packing list, supplier letter, importer letter etc. However, these documents are not available for empty containers. Similarly, invoices and packing lists may not be readily available in foreign transshipment cases where the importer and exporter are overseas parties. Since both scenarios have no revenue implication for Customs, we request JNCH to simplify the process and allow amendments based on the shipping line's explanation letter and BL copy (for transshipment cases).	CSLA	Reply: Vide Circular No. 14/2017-Cus. dated:11.04.20217(copy enclosed) the Board prescribed guidelines for amendment of the Import General Manifest (IGM), broadly categorizing amendments into minor amendments and major amendments, depending upon the nature and implications of the proposed correction. The Circular also specifies the supporting documents required for processing such amendments. Accordingly, where any amendment in the IGM is required, the applicant is required to submit the prescribed documents and justification to the Customs authorities for examination and approval in accordance with the applicable category of amendment. In the present case, if any change/amendment is required in respect of the IGM pertaining to empty containers, the proposed amendment may be clearly highlighted and the relevant supporting documents may be submitted to the Board for consideration. The nature of the amendment and the documents required would depend upon whether the proposed change falls under the category of minor or major amendment as prescribed under Circular No. 14/2017-Cus. dated:11.04.20217. Action to be taken: The Additional Commissioner, SCMTR/Import Noting	Open

			will study the matter and brief the Commissioner (G) to simplify the process as far as possible.	
5.	<u>Abandoned / Long Standing Containers:</u> 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.	CSLA	<u>Reply:</u> The concerns regarding accumulation of long-standing/unclaimed containers and the consequent impact on container availability and port efficiency are noted. In this regard, a Special Drive for disposal of unclaimed, uncleared, seized and confiscated goods has been initiated by the Board, which is to be accorded the highest priority and shall continue up to 31.10.2026. Further, a Task Force Committee has been constituted at JNCH comprising the Commissioner (General), JNCH and the Principal ADG, MZU, DRI, Mumbai, with the mandate to comprehensively review the pending cases, facilitate coordination amongst stakeholders and ensure expeditious disposal. The Disposal Section is accordingly undertaking time-bound action for liquidation of the pendency, while simultaneously pursuing all eligible cases for disposal through auction and other prescribed modes, as applicable, with a view to expediting the clearance of pending cargo and reducing the overall pendency. The matter is being closely monitored in coordination with the concerned stakeholders, with a view to ensuring expeditious disposal of eligible cargo and consequential release of containers, in accordance with the prescribed procedures and timelines. The Commissioner (General) emphasized that merely raising the issue repeatedly in every PTFC meeting would not lead to its resolution. The matter has already been taken up appropriately, and the disposal process is being expedited with a view to clearing the long-standing containers at the earliest.	closed
6.	<u>Exorbitant charges being recovered by Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. which is absolute exploitation of the EXIM Trade.</u> We enclose herewith a copy of the Letter from M/s. Niyara International dated 5/8/2026, wherein it has been stated that they were compelled to pay an amount of Rs. 1,02,070/- instead of Rs. 1,19,770/- as CFS charges for taking delivery of	M/s Sylvester & Co.	<u>Reply:</u> Response received from M/s Balmer Lawrie: M/s Balmer Lawrie, vide its communication dated 13.08.2026, has submitted that: 1. The CFS charges were billed as per its published General Tariff rates. 2. Storage charges were calculated for a period of two weeks. 3. No charges over and above the published tariff rates were billed.	Closed

	consignment of 2 Pallets weighing 1.7 MT, though the Cargo was de-stuffed a day earlier of the planned delivery, which was denied unless payment of Rs. 1,19,770/- was paid. It is requested, if the said exploitation could kindly be investigated, especially in keeping with the Government of India desire to reduce Logistic Cost and Ease of Doing Business. Such kind of profiteering must be prevented.	4. The container was gated in at the CFS on 26.07.2026, and the cargo was delivered from the warehouse on 05.08.2026. In view of the reply furnished by M/s Balmer Lawrie, the CFS has maintained that the charges were levied strictly in accordance with its published tariff and that storage charges were calculated for two weeks. Since the matter essentially pertains to the charges levied by the CFS under its contractual terms, the issue may be considered in the light of the above clarification. However, as the representation was earlier directed to be considered on sympathetic grounds, the CFS may be advised to re-examine the grievance of the concerned party and, wherever feasible, consider suitable waiver on sympathetic grounds, particularly if the facts and supporting documents justify such consideration.	
7.	<u>Procedure for Extension of Bond period, beyond a year, for cargo stored under Section 59 of the Customs Act, 1962, at JNCH.</u> We are aware of the contents of the Facility Notice No. 78/2016 dated 03.06.2016, wherein the provisions for storage of cargo in Bond, beyond the initial period of one year, need to be simplified and made more Trade friendly, especially for cargo which are not non-perishable and stored in Customs bonded warehouse under the direct control of JNCH. The provisions for furnishing Bank Guarantee of 25% of the sum of Customs duty and interest, the need for issuing Show Cause Notice and seeking waiver of Show Cause Notice need to be withdrawn. The said request is being made that for non-perishable cargo whose bond period expired due to bona fide reasons, like the prevailing wars in West Asia or any other Force Majeure event occurring, the extension of the Bond period for a further period of 6 months must be granted, without the need of any Show Cause Notice, or demand for the Bond with Bank Guarantee. The said request is made, so as to simplify the procedures.	<u>Reply:</u> Matter pertains to NS-I Commissionerate.	Closed

8.	<u>Drawback Query:</u> We would like to request that any query relating to the release of drawback may kindly be communicated through email to the concerned Exporter and/or their respective Customs Broker. At present, such email communication is not being generated in certain cases, resulting in pendency and delay in the release of drawback. We therefore humbly request that an automated email facility may kindly be enabled for communicating drawback-related queries to the concerned Exporter/Customs Broker. This would enable timely action and resolution of queries and help avoid unnecessary pendency in the release of drawback.	BCBA	As previously discussed in PTFC Meeting -April, 2026 (Agenda Point 5.4): In this regard, 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, which cannot be undertaken at the level of the Drawback Section. Accordingly, a letter was also sent by NS-II Commissionerate to Pr.ADG, ICEGATE dt: 19.05.2026 that we concur with the suggestions made and requested that the above suggestions may kindly be considered favourably. Further, it is informed that presently there is no system provision in 1.5 EDI System for communicating the query to the concerned exporter/CB through email. However, whenever this office raises a query, the same is directly reflected in the exporter's queue in ICEGATE. The exporter can view the query and submit a reply accordingly.	Closed
9.	<u>IGST Refund:</u> We would like to bring to your kind notice that IGST refunds are, in certain cases, being held up due to system-related technical errors. We humbly request that, wherever any error or discrepancy is encountered in the processing of IGST refund against a Shipping Bill, an automated email may kindly be generated and communicated to the concerned Exporter and/or their respective Customs Broker, indicating the relevant Shipping Bill and the nature of the error/discrepancy. This would enable the concerned Exporter/Customs Broker to take timely corrective action and facilitate early processing and release of the IGST refund. We therefore request your good office to kindly consider enabling such an automated communication facility to avoid unnecessary pendency and delays in IGST refunds.	BCBA	In this regard, it is informed that the issue pertain to system-related functionalities in ICES/ICEGATE. The same fall within the domain of DG (Systems) and require necessary system-level modifications/upgradations, which cannot be undertaken at the level of the Drawback Section. Further, a letter was also sent by NS-II Commissionerate to Pr.ADG, ICEGATE dt: 19.05.2026 that we concur with the suggestions made and requested that the above suggestions may kindly be considered favourably.	Closed

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 and Commissioner of Customs, NS-Gen.
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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Sunil Sathianesan
Date: 15-09-2026
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मूल्य निरूपण मुख्य(निर्यात)/Appraising Main (X),
जे.एन.सी.एच., न्हावा शेवा/ 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)

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2. 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. सीमाशुल्क आयुक्त, मुंबई अंचल-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;
7. सहा/उप आयुक्त, ईडीआई, जेएनसीएच, न्हावा शेवा को अविलंब वेबसाइट में अपलोड करने के लिए/AC/DC, EDI, JNCH, Nhava Sheva, for uploading in JNCH website;
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