

To,

The Asstt./Dy. Commissioner of Customs,
Appraising Main (Import),
NS-I, JNCH, Mumbai Zone- II.

Sir,

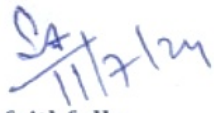
Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the PTFC Meeting {General} June -2024 - reg.

Please refer to the above mentioned subject.

As directed by the Chair in the PTFC meeting held in December-2023, that the minutes of Export and General Commissionerate are to be sent to AM(Import) NS-I for all the subsequent PTFC meetings for a collective release of the minutes.

In this regard, please find enclosed herewith, Minutes of the meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) Meeting for the month of June -2024 enclosed as Annexure-1 for General Commissionerate for necessary action at your end.

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


Yours faithfully,
SANGEETA ADHIKARI
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
AM (X), NS-II, JNCH, MUMBAI-II.

Encl: as above.

ANNEXURE – I

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION
COMMITTEE (General) (June-2024) held on 28.06.2024**

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GENERAL COMMISSIONERATE

I. AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY CSLA (Container Shipping Lines Association (India))

Agenda point 01 (May-2024):- EGM ‘G’ Error due to delay in updating Sailing Report from JNCH.

This increases the workload of follow ups, and after getting the Sailing report updated post EGM, the out file is not received from ICEGATE to know the status. Request the Sailing Reports be updated by JNCH within 24-48 hours of sailing the vessel, since the EDI EGM need to be filed within 72 hours.

□□□□□□□□□□/Response: The Chair stated that the matter will be examined by the concerned section and suitable action will be taken.

Agenda point 02 (June 2024):- Abandoned Containers:

This matter has been discussed several times in the past. While we thank JNCH for their efforts, the early auctioning / disposal of cargo has yet to happen. Thousands of such containers are lying uncleared not only for several months but for several 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 valuable space at the CFSs. While on the one hand, the shipping lines continue to reposition empty containers into the country at a huge cost, 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. The number of containers of major lines lying uncleared so far is attached for your kind info.

□□□□□□□□□□/Response: The Chair stated that the point has already been discussed in previous PTFC meetings. Further, the matter will be examined and a suitable action will be taken.

Agenda point 03:- Sailing Report:

Once the sailing report is submitted by the Shipping Line to the Boarding Officer & the Boarding Officer has uploaded it on the Customs System, an auto email should be received

by the Shipping Line on its email ID registered with JNCH, confirming that the Sailing Report has been successfully received & filed. In fact, this is how the line receives an auto confirmation (SMTP) once the Inward Entry is filed by the Boarding Officer with the Customs System. This will save the time of the Shipping Line staff in visiting the Boarding Office to check if the sailing report has been successfully received / filed & thus help towards the Ease of Doing Business.

□□□□□□□□□□/Response: The Chair stated that the matter will be examined by the concerned section and suitable action will be taken.

II. AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY WIBWA (WESTERN INDIA BONDED WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATION)

Agenda point 01:- Disposal of abandoned / expired goods :

All bonded warehouses are having hundreds of TEUs of cargo which are beyond their shelf life. They need to be destroyed. There is only one incineration center in the jurisdiction of JNCH, which has a monopoly. They charge more than 50 Rs a kg, which comes to approximately 10 lakhs rupees per TEU. **JNCH should call for tenders for destruction from all across the country** from Pollution control board certified incineration centres and goods be sent there for destruction. Expected savings are upto 90%. Moreover, cement and steel plants are also having permission for incineration of waste from pharma companies and others.

□□□□□□□□□□/Response: The Chair stated that the point has already been discussed in previous PTFC meetings. Further, the matter will be examined and a suitable action will be taken.

Agenda point 02:- Recognition of Western India Bonded Warehouse Association : Our ID card holders be allowed entry in JNCH at par with BCHA ID Cards

□□□□□□□□□□/Response: The Chair stated that the current procedure for entry in JNCH to be followed. However, issue will be examined and suitable action will be taken.

Agenda point 03. Introduction of Exams : Just as CHAs have to appear for Rule 6/8/9 exams, a curriculum be designed for Bonded Warehouse Managers and they be authorised after taking an examination for the improvement of the compliance in the bonded warehouses.

□□□□□□□□□□/Response: The Chair stated that the matter will be examined and a suitable action will be taken.