

MINUTES OF PTFC MEETING HELD ON 25.10.2012

COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (EXPORT)
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE,
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The monthly meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) was held on 25.10.2012 in the Conference Hall at the 5th floor of the Custom House. The meeting was presided over by the Commissioner of Customs (Export), JNCH. The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Sr. No.	Name and Designation
01	Shankar Shinde, Raigad Chamber of Commerce & Industry	11	Ravindra Pillai
02	R Rajasekhar, Vice President	12	Subhash Rajkumar
03	Mohan Nihalani, President AIIEA	13	S.V. Gawde
04	Pareesh Shah (BCHAA)	14	K.M. Tope, MSWC, CFS MGR
05	Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, Raigad Chamber of Commerce & Industry	15	V. K. Agarwal, G M (ONIDA)
06	Ashish Pednekar Maccia	16	Philomena Pereira, BCHAA
07	K.C. Mishra, CFS D'Node	17	
08	Avinash. Buge, JNPT (Dy. Manager)	18	Ajit Kumar Singh, ULA CFS (Sr. Manager)
09	Omprakash Agrawal, MACCIA	19	D.L. Thakur, BCHAA
10	Vijay Wagh		

2. The following officers from the Department side attended the meeting:-

Sr. No.	Name and Designation	Sr. No.	Name and Designation
01	Shri Rajiv Kapoor, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Export)	05	Shri Sumit. K. Yadav, Dy. Commissioner of Customs
02	Shri Gyan Sarvar, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Export)	06	Shri. Rajesh Kamble, A.O Appraising Main (Export)
03	Shri Pankaj Bodkhe, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)	07	Shri Ram Milan, Examiner, Appraising Main (Export)
04	Smt. Chintha Anna Isaac, Dy. Commissioner of Customs AM (X)		

3. The Commissioner welcomed all the members and the meeting began with taking up the pending issues.

4. The following old points that were kept open in the last PTFC meeting held on 27.09.2012 were taken up for the discussion:-

4.1 **Point:** The Raigad Chamber of Commerce had earlier (PTFC meeting held on 26.04.2012) requested that Goods may be allowed to be examined even without Delivery Order.

Reply: After a reply was received from Chennai Customs in this regard, the Commissioner stated that a reference will be made to the CBEC as per the request of the trade as it is an all India matter and the same practice needs to be adopted in all Custom houses keeping in mind the legal position.

Point Open (ADC/AM)

4.2 **Point:** The point raised in earlier PTFC meetings that the current EDI system selects the packages randomly for examination however it fails to differentiate between a package and a container, as a result of which the goods from several containers are picked up for examination pertaining to a single shipping bill, was taken up for discussion.

Reply: The Commissioner stated that this Commissionerate has already taken up the matter with the DG (Systems). He suggested that the issue needs to be taken up with the DG (Systems) by the various Federations of the members since the issue has all India ramifications.

Point Open (System Manager)

4.4 **Point:** The point earlier raised by Shri Shanker Shinde , Member, Raigad Chamber of Commerce, in the meetings held on 28.06.2012 and 26.07.2012, that the system is not updated for certain newly added items to the VKGUY scheme hence their members are facing problems in filing shipping bills.

Reply: The Commissioner stated that the issue has been taken up with DG/System as it requires updating Centralized Directories.

Point Closed (System Manager)

5. **Point:** The meeting then proceeded with the Commissioner reminding the members that although the Customs has started the 24X7 after vide facility however the response was not encouraging from the trade side. He requested all the members that they should create awareness among their members and encourage them to utilize the facility to the optimum.

5.1. **Point:** Shri Paresh Shah, BCHAA, then raised an issue that though the morning shift starts at 8 o'clock, however the officers are arriving late and the work effectively begins at 10.30 only.

Reply: The Commissioner stated that instructions will be issued to the Officers to be punctual in attending office. Additional Commissioner of Customs has issued instructions in this regard.

Point Closed (ADC/AM)

5.2. Point: Shri Paresh Shah, BCHAA, also raised the issue that the Officers posted for stuffing of export cargo were insisting on payment of Overtime Charges for goods to be stuffed after 6 PM. The members were of the opinion that since the new shifts have been fixed from 8 am to 8 pm, the demand of payment of overtime was not justified.

Reply: The Commissioner stated a reference to CBEC will be made since the matter pertains to amending MOT rules.

Point Closed (ADC/AM)

5.3. Point: The BCHAA raised the issue that although Customs has started the 24X7 operation, shipping companies and steamer agents are not willing and providing 24X7 facilities to the trade. The shipping lines have expressed shortages of staff and have informed that they have taken up the matter with sub-ordinate organization and Senior Officers.

Reply: The Commissioner of Customs (Export) stated that 24X7 operation have now been taken up by the Customs and all the stake holders need to contribute to facilitate working of trade and if there is any operational issue of shipping lines, the Senior Officers of MANSA and INSA must come for the next PTFC meeting with adequate solution to facilitate 24X7 operation.

Point Open (ADC/AM)

6. Point: Shri Mohan Nihalani, President AIIEA then proposed that as per the recommendations of Dr. Kelkar Committee, the Commissioner should form a Committee where all the stake holders are made Members (including DGFT) and that their attendance in the meetings may be made compulsory and the minutes of the meetings held may be made binding on members of all the departments. Shri Mohan Nihlani was requested to elaborate / specify & quote the para of report of Kelkar Committee in terms of his proposal.

Reply: The Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Appraising Main) requested Shri Mohan Nihalani to elaborate / specify & quote the para of report of Kelkar Committee in terms of his proposal and it was assured that the relevant portion of the report would be provided to the department.

Point Closed (ADC/AM)

7. Point: The BCHAA represented that presently Bills of Entry filed under more than one export promotion group i.e Gr 7 B and other Export Promotion Group is assigned to Group 7 'B' and not to the other Export Promotion Group like VKUY. The members of trade are facing problem in changing the Group.

Reply: The Additional Commissioner of Customs informed that the matter has been referred to System manager and a reminder has also been sent in this regard.

Point Closed (ADC/AM)

8. **Point:** One of the trade representatives, raised issue regarding non receipt of drawback amount of exporter to his concerned bank i.e. UCO Bank from SBI.

Reply: The Commissioner of Customs (Export) informed that it is an interbank Issue, However Branch Manager; SBI would be asked to attend the meeting to be held on 22.11.2012.

Point Open (ADC/AM)

9. **Point:** The BCHAA raised the issue regarding improper functioning of scanning and the issue regarding the list of containers scheduled for scanning are not available to CHA/ importers/ exporters which causes delay in handling cargo and that various CFS are also collecting unjustified charges regarding scanning the containers.

Reply: The Commissioner of Customs informed that the issue of improper functioning of scanning pertains to Container Scanning Division (Import) and other issues pertain to CFS, will be taken up with the respective divisions.

Point Open (ADC/AM)

10. **Point:** The members of the trade/BCHAA stated the concept of auto-mail, i.e. whenever any S/Bill or any B/E is filed by any person, an e-mail should be automatically be sent to the registered e-mail of the concerned person/company.

Reply: Shri Pankaj Bodkhe, Joint Commissioner informed the members that the Department is working on the concept of auto-mail, however until the system of auto e-mail is developed, the members should inform/sensitize their members of the importance of following the KYC norms.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

The next PTFC meeting will be held in the same venue on 22.11.2012 at 11.30 A.M.

This issue with the approval of Commissioner of Customs (Export)

Sd/- 09.11.2012

(PANKAJ BODKHE)

Joint Commissioner of Customs

Appraising Main (Export)

To

All concerned, by email.

Copy to:-

1. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Zone II .

2. Commissioner of Customs (Import)
3. Systems Manager, EDI
4. All Addl./Joint Commissioners (Exports), JNCH
5. All DCs/ACs (Export), JNCH