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**Minutes of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC), Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) and Public Grievance Committee (PGC) Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC), Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) and Public Grievance Committee (PGC), Customs Mundra held on 15/06/2018 at 11.30 A.M. at Mundra Custom House under the chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, Commissioner of Customs, Mundra.

The meeting was attended by the following:-

1. Shri Rajesh Rai Assistant Commissioner, CH, Mundra.
2. Shri Rajesh Tripathi , Deputy Commissioner, CH, Mundra.
3. Shri Nagendera kr. Trivedi Assistant Commissioner, CH, Mundra.
4. Shri Joginder Singh, Deputy Commissioner, CH, Mundra.
5. Shri Saravan Ram, Deputy Commissioner, CH, Mundra.
6. Shri Raj Kumar Meena Superintendent, Appraising General, CH, Mundra.
7. Shri. Parmod Soneta Treasurer of MCBA.
8. Shri Manoj Kotak, Secretary, MCBA, Mundra.
9. Shri Dinesh Kumar Gupta, Presedent, MCBA, Mundra.
10. Shri. Rajeev Kashyap Director of Kashyap Shipping pvt. Ltd.
11. Shri. Pankaj Thakker Partner of Krishna Shipping & Allied serv.
12. Shri. Sunny Kumar Director of Aman Seatnars.
13. Shri. Sunny Bhardwaj Director of R Cargo Logistics.
14. Shri. Kapil Sachde Proprietor of Kashish Shipping.
15. Shri Sandeep Trehan V. President of Transworld Terminal.
16. Shri Capt. Rohit Batra President of Mundra CFS.
17. Shri Hemchander Yadav President of Shivam Seatrams Pvt. Ltd.
18. Shri Jatin Khudwala Manager Operator of CMA CGM.
19. Shri Sachin Garg GM. OPS of MICT Pvt. Ltd.
20. Shri DilipSingh Chande Brance Manager of Unnati Cargo.
21. Shri Gatikrishana Sutar Sr. Manager of Allcargo Logistic Ltd.
22. Shri Sanjay Singh Manager of APSEZ.
23. Shri Cherian Abraham General Manager of APSEZ.
24. Shri Mitesh Treasurer of Mundra Port Shipping Agent Association.

25. Shri Dinesh Gupta President of Mundra Customs Broker.  
26. Shri Kaushik Joshi Manager of APSEZ.

At the outset, the chairman welcomed all members present in the meeting. After that the Agenda Points were discussed in detail and the point-wise minutes of the PTFC meeting are as under:

**Points received from Mundra Custom Broker Association**

Sr. No.	Points raised in PTFC, CCFC and PGC meeting	Reply given by the Chairman.
1	All CFS, Terminal, Shipping Lines & CB should associate to Port Clearance System Electronically to avoid any Anti-National Activity, ease of doing business & paperless environment resulting reduction in dwell time and transaction cost.	The Chairman replied that no submission from the stakeholders of their preparedness has been received so far. The Chairman requested to the stakeholders to <u>submit their submission as early as possible.</u>
2	Further we would like to submit to your kind attention that most of the time the correspondences submitted by this office are <u>neither responded or most of the time it does not reach the desired destination</u>	The Chairman replied that the officers are prompt to attend any work assigned to them. Any instance of non-compliance may be brought to the Notice of Additional Commissioner (AG) with evidences.
3	Since the <u>E-sealing procedure</u> has been introduced at Mundra Customs the posting of <u>the gate Preventive shall be discontinued and the Custodian shall be held responsible as prescribed under the Cargo handling Rules 2009.</u>	The Chairman replied that issue would be examined thoroughly and necessary action will be taken accordingly.
4	It has become a routine practice to take discharge permission for import of bulk cargo. It is but natural that if a vessel has arrived it has come for discharge and there are officers posted in the R & I Section for inspection. As regards the quantity and commodity the same can be verified from the IGM, also discontinue of direct delivery permission of Liquid and other bulk cargo for duty paid cargo.	The Chairman replied that <u>no detailed write-up has been received from the CB Association so far.</u> The Chairman requested to the stakeholders to submit detailed write-up as early as possible.
5	CFS and terminal should adopt procedure of finance, and they should collect charges only from CB/Importers/Exporters but till date the third party demand drafts are accepted.	The Chairman replied that in previous meeting it has been requested that any instance of non-compliance may be brought to the Notice of Additional Commissioner (AG) with evidences but so far no such incidents has been reported.
6	Your kind self may be well aware about the volume of work handled at Mundra Port, even though the facilities like testing of goods is not available at Mundra Port. We have even requested your kind honor through our letter dated 18.05.2018 and through reminder letter dated 22.05.2018 <u>for setting up of CRCL, and all other allied agencies required under PGA.</u>	The Chairman replied that the CBIC vide Circular No. 11/2018-Customs dated 17/05/2018 has <u>identified some more entities,</u> where the samples could be tested, in the interest of the trade facilitation. The <u>Chairman further informed that appointment of Additional Drug Controller at Mundra Port is under process.</u> Regarding setting up CRCL Lab in Mundra, he replied that matter would be looked into.
7	It is to further submit that the <u>en-block</u>	The Chairman replied that a separate meeting

	<p>movement of the import containers is delayed for more than 5 days and no one has the control over it. Without the fault of the importer he has to suffer from additional burden of detention/demurrage charges. The facts may be verified from the terminal along with the details of vessel sailed. It is to therefore, requested to appoint any competent authority for monitoring of the same.</p>	<p>will be called for in the matter.</p>
8	<p>The scanning of the containers shall be done on round the clock basis. Most of the time the request is not forwarded for 2-3 days resulting unnecessary delay. Further it has been observed that most of the containers are not properly scanned and are endorsed with mismatch on the reverse of EIR. Sometimes RMS Bills of entry are selected by scanning and reports seal mismatch the said files are forwarded to the Additional Commissioner for permission of 100% examination. In this regard it is requested that the docks examination section should examine the goods 100% on their own. It may reduce the time consumed for obtaining permission. It has also been noticed that the system is also selecting the Bills of entry containing Over Dimension cargo which is not possible in this regard suitable directions may kindly be issued to the Docks Examination staff. Moreover the containers which were selected for examination after scanning no objectionable materials were found. Further once the container is scanned and found clean then why the examination is made mandatory on the basis of examination order given by the assessing officer.</p>	<p>The Chairman replied that not enough staff is available presently. However after completion of Annual General Transfers (AGT) sufficient staff will be posted in CSD for working in shifts.</p>
9	<p>Since all the Bills of entry are filed under E-Sanchit the requirement of presentation of documents may kindly be discontinued for both assessment and docks examination section. As regards defacement of the certificates the same can be done by the officers of docks examination section.</p>	<p>The Chairman replied that issuance of public notice in this regard is under process.</p>
10	<p>It is also observed that most of the time due to slow connectivity of ICEGATE most of the importers have to suffer from Penalty charges as well as the charges of demurrage/detention. A suitable Public Notice may kindly be issued wherein not only the penalty may be waived off but the charges of CFS and Shipping line also.</p>	<p>The Chairman replied that this issue is being raised by the trade association regularly and the Chairman again replied that recently the speed has improved. However, as and when there is failure of connectivity Custom House is issuing Public Notices to waive off penalty charges for late filing of Bills of Entry. As per the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, the Bill of Entry is to be filed by the next day of vessel arrival. Even if there is some delay due to ICEGATE issues, it cannot result in</p>

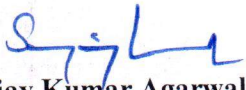
		demurrage/detention charges by CFS/Shipping lines as the free days allowed by them are normally upto 3 days.
11	Most of the time the connectivity of EDI System is down at PUB and the work is held up and sometimes is down for 2-3 days. It is requested that a <u>second lease line may be installed at the earliest.</u>	The Chairman replied that Directorate of Systems has <u>accorded approval for second lease line and shortly the same will be installed.</u>
12	Assessment and verification of documents, including defacing important documents as well as debiting bond and license are work of apprising groups, but it is seen that most of these work is passed on Dock Examination by way of examination order or examination instructions, which cause delay in clearance.	The Chairman replied that this issue is being raised by the trade association regularly and the Chairman again replied that most of times the CB representative are not able to produce the original required documents at the time of assessment and therefore the Groups pass on the verification work at the end of Docks, which reduce the dwell time as well as physical interface with the officers. Further, the Chairman <u>requested the stakeholders to upload the necessary documents by using e-SANCHIT.</u>
13	In the last PGC it was conveyed that the <u>facility of printing Bills of entry and shipping bills will be carried out at every CFS and for the same the CFS authorities were asked to come forward with an application but till date no CFS has approached the Customs Authorities.</u>	The Chairman replied that a reality check was carried out on 14/06/2018 by the Superintendent (AG) and it has been noticed that <u>total 08 printers are working in 06 CFS out 14 CFS.</u> Further, the Chairman has directed all the CFSs to provide printing facility in each and every CFS. Furthermore, the Chairman informed the <u>no CFS have appointed their staff for printing purpose as discussed in previous meeting and the Chairman again directed to the CFSs to appoint their staff for the purpose and necessary permission will be granted by the department after due verification of requests received from CFSs</u>
14	The Out of Charge of the Bills of Entry under X-Bond shall also be given by the officers of Docks Examinations Section.	The Chairman accepted the point and a <u>Public Notice No. 12/2018-19 dated 13/06/2018 has been issued in this regard.</u>
15	We have also requested for shifting of the main terminal gate to Rangoli parking to avoid additional dwell time, transaction cost & accidents.	The Chairman partially accepted the point raised and a Public Notice No. 16/2018-19 dated 02/07/2018 has been issued regarding extension of the facility of endorsement on "Form-6" at Rangoli Gate Mundra.

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- Apart from the above, it has been raised by the trade that sometimes some of the containers of a B/L jammed at terminals while most of the containers of same B/L has arrived at CFS in that case manual out of charge for the containers has arrived at CFS may be granted.

The Chairman replied that in above situation the Docks officer may grant OOC manually after following examination order and further, the Docks officer will give OOC in systems after arrival of all containers at CFS.

- The Mundra Shipping Line Association submitted their agenda during the course of meeting and the Chairman replied that points raised by association will be taken up for discussion in next meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chairman.

  
(Sanjay Kumar Agarwal)  
Commissioner of Customs

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  4. Additional Commissioner (Group) of Customs, Custom House, Mundra.
  5. Additional Commissioner (DE/DP) of Customs, Custom House, Mundra.
  6. All Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of Customs, Custom House, Mundra.
  7. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kutch/Gandhidham.
  8. Mundra Customs House Broker's Association, Mundra.
  9. Kandla Customs House Broker's Association. Gandhidham.
  10. Mundra Shipping Agent Association.
  11. M/s Adani Logistics Ltd. APSEZ, Mundra.
  12. Container Freight Station Association, Mundra.
  13. Notice Board.
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