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**MINUTES OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION
 COMMITTEE (CCFC) MEETING OF MUMBAI CUSTOMS, ZONE-I HELD
 ON 27.03.2024 AT NEW CUSTOMS HOUSE, MUMBAI**

The 12th meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) for the Financial Year 2023-24 of Mumbai Customs Zone-I for the month of March 2024 was held on 27.03.2024 (Friday) at 1200 Hrs in the Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, New Customs House, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Shri Pramod Kumar Agrawal, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

2. The following officers/representatives attended the meeting:

SN.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Sunil Jain	Pr. Commissioner of Customs (G)
2	Shri Aslam Hasan	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
3	Shri Vivek Pandey	Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
4	Ms. Priya Goel	Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
5	Ms. Hemlata Rai	Additional Commissioner of Customs, PCCO
6	Shri Neelesh Rautkar	Additional Commissioner of Customs, (Import-II)
7	Shri Mallinath Jeure	Additional Commissioner of Customs, (Import-I)
8	Shri Ajit U. Nair	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, PCCO
9	Shri Sangappa Arjun Teli	FSSAI
10	Shri A. Udayasankar	APPO, Plant Quarantine
11	Shri Dushyant Mulani	President/Chairman, BCBA/FFFAI
12	Shri Mark S Fernandes	IMC Chamber of Commerce & Industry
13	Shri Tej Contractor	FFFAI

14	Shri Paras Shah	BCBA
15	Shri Manohar Patnaye	BCBA

3. At the outset, the Chairman extended his greetings and welcomed the members of PGAs and trade representatives to the CCFC meeting of Mumbai Customs Zone-I.

4. The Chair then enquired regarding the agenda points for the meeting. Ms Hemlata Rai, Additional Commissioner of Customs (PCCO) informed that no agenda points have been received and she drew the attention of the Chair towards the action taken on the points discussed during the last meeting held on 01.03.2024.

- i. In the last meeting, the Chair directed Pr. Commissioner (G) to draw an SOP, in consultation with BCBA, to ensure that Customs Brokers are well versed regarding their role/obligation. Shri Dushyant Mulani responded that they are finalizing the draft proposal and will submit the same by 03.04.2024. The Chair then directed Pr. Commissioner (G) to study the proposal and form a committee accordingly.
- ii. The Chair enquired regarding the progress made with respect to the Amnesty Scheme for closure of EPCG and AA licences. Shri Aslam Hasan, Commissioner of Customs (Export), informed the chair that as on date only 11 exporters have availed of the scheme as of 27.03.2024. The Chair showed concern that very few exporters have availed of the scheme. The Chair requested trade representatives to create awareness amongst other stakeholders regarding such schemes.
- iii. The Chair enquired whether the list of pending SVB cases has been shared with the trade representatives. Shri Dushyant Mulani replied that they had received the list and action is being taken.

5. The Chair informed the Trade Representatives that Mumbai Zone-I and MbPA will be holding a meeting the day after i.e on 28.03.2024 and enquired if there are any concerns/issues the Trade Representatives would like to Mumbai Zone-I to take up with MbPA. Shri Mark S Fernandes, Chairman, IMC Chamber of Commerce & Industry suggested to the Chair to request MBPA to expedite the development of a Container Terminal at Mumbai Port.

6. The Chair inquired regarding issuance of Public Notice pertaining to the amendment of the Bills of Entry by Import Commissionerate. Shri Vivek Pandey, Commissioner of Customs (Import-I) intimated that a Public Notice will be issued shortly .

7. Ms Hemlata Rai, Additional Commissioner of Customs (PCCO) then

presented the PowerPoint Presentation displaying the average time taken by importers for payment of duty after Assessment of Bills of Entry and time taken by the importers for replying to the queries raised.

- i. Ms Hemlata Rai, Additional Commissioner of Customs (PCCO) informed that the average time taken for payment of duty from assessment has drastically increased for the month of March 2024 in comparison to the month of February 2024.
- ii. Ms Hemlata Rai, Additional Commissioner of Customs (PCCO) further briefed the Chair that in the month of March 2024 the number of Bills of Entry wherein duty is paid on the same day has deteriorated with respect to the month of February 2024. She added that the number of Bills of Entry wherein duty is paid within 2-3 days from the date of assessment, remains slightly changed in the month of March 2024 and the number of Bills of Entry, wherein duty has been paid between 10-30 days and more than 30 days, from the date of assessment has increased.
- iii. The Chair stated that the duty payment should be made immediately after assessment and urged Trade participants to take note of the same.
- iv. As regards the time taken by the importers to reply to the query raised, Ms Hemlata Rai, Additional Commissioner of Customs (PCCO) informed that during the month of March 2024, the queries replied to 'within less than 6 hours' has improved as compared to February 2024. The queries replied 'between 6-24 hours' in the month of March 2024 in comparison to the month of February 2024 have deteriorated. The queries replied 'between 24-72 hours' in the month of March 2024 in comparison to the month of February 2024 have stayed on the same level. As regards the query replied in 'more than 3 days' a deterioration is seen in the month of March as compared to the corresponding data of February 2024.

8. The Chair observed that the number of queries raised for the month of March 2024 has decreased further. The Chair further observed that the number of queries is well below the national average but expressed concern that more than 20 per cent of queries are being replied to after more than three days of raising the query. The Chair then directed Commissioner Import-I and Import-II to create a working group to analyse the queries raised in consultation with BCBA in order to not only rationalise the query percentage but also to keep a check that only necessary queries are raised. Such analysis will keep the number of queries under check.

9. A list of duty pending for payment (CB Wise) for F.Y. - 2023-24 (as of 26.03.24) was shared with the Trade Representatives. The Chair requested the Trade Representatives to ensure timely payment of duty.

10. Shri Dushyant Mulani, BCBA requested for sensitization of the FAG officers regarding liquid bulk in terms of the Board's Circular 55/2020, which was duly noted.

11. As there were no further points for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

This issue with the approval of Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

HEMLATA RAI
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

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1. Under Secretary, (CUS IV), CBIC, North Block New Delhi.
2. All Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone I.
3. All the Members of the CCFC Meeting by email.
4. BCBA, Mumbai by email.
5. AC/DC,EDI (with a request to upload the minutes on the Zonal website Office).

Signed by Hemlata Ashok
Kumar Rai
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