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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION
COMMITTEE (CCFC) MEETING OF MUMBAI CUSTOMS, ZONE-I HELD ON
09.04.2025 AT NEW CUSTOMS HOUSE, MUMBAI**

The 1st meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) for the Financial Year 2025-26 of Mumbai Customs Zone-I was held on 09.04.2025 (Wednesday) at 11:30 AM in the Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, New Customs House, Mumbai under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitish K. Sinha, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-I.

2. The following officers/representatives attended the meeting:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Rajan Chaudhary	Pr. Commissioner of Customs (G)
2	Ms. Priya Goel	Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
3	Shri Aslam Hassan	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
4	Shri Pradyumn Tripathi	Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
5	Shri Amitkumar Nikalje	Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO)
6	Shri Arvind Ghuge	Additional Commissioner of Customs (Gen)
7	Shri Neelesh Rautkar	Additional Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
8	Shri Amit Sharma	Additional Commissioner of Customs (Export)
9	Shri Mazid Khan	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
10	Shri Nidhish Vinayak Singhal	Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
11	Shri Girish Vadassery	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, CCO
12	Shri Vikas Pratap Singh	Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Export)

13	Shri A B Zarkar	Dy. Traffic Manager, MbPA
14	Shri V K Yadav	Sr. Assistant Manager, MbPA
15	Shri Vivek Uppar	PPO(E), RPQS, Mumbai
16	Dr. Sharmila Amin	Co-convenor WRC, AMTOI
17	Shri Sanjeev Harale	President, BCBA
18	Shri Paresh Thakkar	Sr. Vice President, BCBA
19	Shri Ganpat Korde	V. President, BCBA
20	Shri Tej Contractor	Jt. Secretary, BCBA
21	Shri Omprakash Agrawal	Committee Member, MACCIA
22	Shri Manohar Patnaye	BCBA
23	Shri Mark Fernandes	BCHAA/FFFAI
24	Shri Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
25	Shri Karan Rambhia	FFFAI

3. Shri Amitkumar Nikalje, Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO) extended a warm welcome to all the attendees and introduced newly joined Shri Pradyumn Tripathi, Commissioner of Customs (Import I). Shri Sanjeev Harale, President, BCBA and others BCBA members also welcomed newly joined Commissioner of Customs (Import-I). The Chair then extended his greetings and welcomed the PGAs and trade representatives to the meeting.

4. ADC/CCO informed that one agenda point has been received from Shri Shailesh Kathed, representative of M/s Fiat India Automobiles Pvt Limited. Then, the meeting proceeded with action taken note of CCFC meeting held on 04.03.2025.

5.1. In the previous meetings, it was informed by the BCBA that suggestions outlining the roles and responsibilities of Customs Brokers had been submitted to the Principal Commissioner of Customs (General) and the Joint Commissioner, Customs Broker Section, informed the Chair that matter has been examined and comments have been submitted to CCO.

In this regard, it is informed by the ADC, CCO that the suggestions received in the

CCO are broadly of two types i.e. (i) issue related to roles and responsibilities and (ii) Policy related matters i.e. for bringing changes in the CBLR, 2018. Further, it is informed that for roles and responsibilities, CCO office is analysing the matter and for policy matter seeking further suggestion from the General Commissionerate.

In this regard, the Chair instructed that if any changes which are required in the regulations, Chief Commissioner's Office will examine the suggestions given by the General Commissionerate and will be taken up further with Board wherever regulations need to be amended/updated. In respect of roles and responsibilities, the SOP will be issued by the General Commissionerate.

Action: Chief Commissioner's Office, Pr. Commissioner (General)

5.2. In the previous meetings, trade representatives informed the Chair that after the Principal Commissioner of Customs (General), Mumbai grants licenses, for enabling the Customs Brokers (CBs) to operate at various locations, regulation 7(3) requires submission of an intimation in Form-C for authorization at other ports. However, in practice, different Custom Houses follow inconsistent and cumbersome procedures, often taking 5 to 6 months to complete the Form-C registration.

In this regard, President, BCBA informed the Chair that they have sent a circular to national forum for feedback. However the same are awaited. In response, the Chair requested to send a detailed letter specifying the challenges faced at specific ports so that the matter be taken up for clarification and resolution.

Action: BCBA

5.3. In the previous CCFC meeting, issue pertaining to need for identifying new space for better management of existing space and inventory management by Mumbai Port Trust Authority (MbPA) was discussed. In this context, a committee was formed and a meeting of the committee in subject matter was held on 27.02.2025 and issue related to connectivity and infrastructure mainly were discussed.

In this regard, the ADC, General informed the Chair that the during the meeting with MbPA officials, the MbPA official informed that they are working on requisite infrastructure and upgrading infrastructure in view of demands of automobiles exporters/importers. During the CCFC meeting, Shri V. K. Yadav, Sr. Assistant Manager, MbPA informed that MbPA is looking forward to upgrade their facilities for automobiles and officials have visited Skoda Warehouse regarding this. Further, he informed that upgradation work will be tentatively completed by October, 2025.

The Chair applauded the efforts being made by the MbPA officials and appreciated the steps taken regarding taking the inputs from the warehouse facilities available at

various automobile companies/factories. Thereafter, the Chair directed to close the point for time being and requested trade to raise the issue if any problem arises further.

Action: Closed

5.4. In the previous CCFC meeting, the issue was discussed regarding the process for issuing AEO certificates, highlighting that when a proposal is sent to the Directorate of International Customs (DIC) for issuing the certificate, the DIC reverts to the CB Section of the Custom House to verify whether any cases are pending against the Customs Broker (CB). In this regard, BCBA pointed out that when the Custom House initially proposes the issuance of an AEO certificate to the DIC, it has already verified the issue of pending case, and therefore, the DIC should not need to seek a separate NOC from the Customs House. The Commissioner (Import II) informed the Chair that the issue has already taken up with DIC.

In this regard, the Chair remarked that the DIC has been sensitised about the issue. The Chair further requested the Trade to raise the issue again if the problem still persists. On the satisfaction of the members of the trade, the Chair instructed to close the issue.

Action: Closed

6. After that, discussion was held on agenda point received from Shri Shailesh Kathed, representative of M/s Fiat India Automobiles Pvt Limited wherein they raised the issue of IGST Refund.

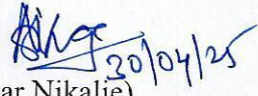
The Commissioner (X) informed that the issue has been taken up with the Scientist of National Informatics Centre (NIC), NCH Mumbai, who have taken up this issue with their Delhi Office.

In this regard, the Chair instructed to Commissioner of Customs (X) to follow up with NIC team and resolve the issue within two weeks' time and send a compliance report to the Chief Commissioner's Office.

Action: Commissioner (Export)

7. Further, BCBA president extended their appreciation to Pr. Commissioner (Gen) for calling off the negative marking in G-category Customs Brokers Examination. As there were no further points for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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


(Amitkumar Nikalje)

Additional Commissioner of Customs
CCO, NCH, Mumbai

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