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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION
COMMITTEE (CCFC) MEETING OF MUMBAI CUSTOMS, ZONE-I HELD ON
16.06.2025 AT NEW CUSTOMS HOUSE, MUMBAI**

The 3rd meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) for the Financial Year 2025-26 of Mumbai Customs Zone-I was held on 16.06.2025 (Monday) at 11 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. The list of the participant is attached as Annexure A.

2. Shri Amit Sharma, Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO) extended a warm welcome to all the attendees. The Chair then extended his greetings and welcomed the PGAs and trade representatives to the meeting. The meeting proceeded with action taken note on minutes of CCFC meeting held on 06.05.2025.

3.1. In previous meeting, with respect to outlining the roles and responsibilities for Customs Brokers, Principal Commissioner (General) had been directed to issue SOP in consultation with associations. Further, it had also been directed to provide the comments on all policy related matters i.e. changes in CBLR, 2018 submitted by the BCBA. In this meeting, Pr. Commr. (Gen.) informed that he is examining the matter in consultation with BCBA representatives and that a response will be submitted soon.

Further, in respect of the contention that Customs Brokers are being penalized under Section 114 of the Customs Act during adjudication for interpretative issues such as classification or notification benefits, President, BCBA informed that they have received practices of various major Custom Houses and will submit inputs to the Pr. Commissioner (Gen). In this regard, the **Chair directed that details of such practices at major Customs Houses and specific suggestions with respect to them may be sent so as to examine the matter and to take up with the Board.**

Action: Pr. Commissioner (General), BCBA

3.2. In the previous meeting, it was informed that when Mumbai Customs Zone-I grants licences to Customs Brokers (CBs), Regulation 7(3) of the CBLR, 2018 requires

submission of Form-C intimation to operate at other Customs locations. However, various Custom Houses follow inconsistent and cumbersome procedures, leading to delay in registration process. In this regard, BCBA informed that a letter was submitted to Jamnagar Customs House and further suggested these suggestions may incorporate in Public Notice/SOP mentioned in para 3.1.

In this regard, The Chair directed to incorporate the suggestion in the draft document discussed in paragraph 3.1 and further instructed to close the point.

Action: Closed

3.3 President, BCBA informed that there is wide concern for F-Card examination conducted pan-India on March 18, 2025. It was further informed that there was a significant deviation in the exam structure and content compared to previous years. BCBA also represented the matter with Joint Secretary, Customs requesting to review of the exam. The point has been again raised by the BCBA in this CCFC meeting.

In this regard, the Chair instructed to examine the matter and take up the matter with NACIN along with copy of BCBA's representation.

Action: CCO

3.4 President, BCBA informed that the process of provisional to final assessment of BEs still requires manual intervention even after relevant documents such as Test Reports or SVB orders are submitted through e-Sanchit. In this regard, it was requested the development of an automated mechanism where upon uploading the documents, the Bs/E are directly routed to the assessing officers screen for final assessment. The point has been again raised by the BCBA in this CCFC meeting.

In this regard, the Chair directed to refer the matter to the DG Systems.

Action: CCO

4. Following agenda points were received from BCBA and discussed:

4.1 **To issue advisory for cancellation of old test Bonds without physical Copy:** Shri Paresh Thakkar, representative of BCBA, brought to notice that a significant number of Test Bonds executed prior to the introduction of the TSK, particularly those before the year 2020, remain pending for cancellation. It was suggested that, in such cases, upon receipt of the Test Report, the Assessing Officer (AO), Group may proceed with cancellation of the Bond, even in the absence of the physical copy of the Bond, considering the age and unavailability of the records. An advisory may also be issued to the effect that the said importers' Bonds stand cancelled based on the receipt of the Test Report. It was further submitted that a similar procedure may be adopted for Test Bonds executed after the introduction of TSK, since the Test Reports are digitally linked in ICES. Accordingly, upon

receipt of the Test Report, the Test Bond may be cancelled without insisting on the physical copy.

In this regard, the Chair directed Commissioner (Import-I) and Commissioner (Import-II) to examine the suggestion given by BCBA.

Action: Commissioner (Import I & II)

4.2 Request for Allowing Second-Time Registration of Bill of Entry (B/E) in ICES System by Customs Brokers: Currently, once a B/E is registered by a CB, but subsequently routed incorrectly, the system does not allow the CB to rectify the registration by re-registering the same Bs/E. The only available recourse is to approach the Service Centre physically to perform the second registration, which causes unnecessary delays and operational inefficiencies. In view of the above, it is requested that necessary amendments be made to the ICES System to enable Customs Brokers to re-register a B/E in cases where the initial registration has been incorrectly routed.

In this regard, the Chair informed to the trade members that the issue is related to Systems and it will be looked after by DG, Systems.

Action: Closed

4.3 Request for Streamlining the Warehousing Procedure through Digital Automation: The President, BCBA highlighted the procedural challenges faced in handling warehousing procedures outlined in Board Circular No. 25/2016 and Public Notice No. 83/2016 & 104/2021 issued by JNCH, Nhava Sheva. Despite these guidelines, the current practice for warehousing Bills of Entry (B/E) copies bearing the endorsement of receipt of goods remains a manual process where the physical documents are delivered to the Bond Officer by the Customs Broker (CB) or importer. In this regard, it is requested that a system be developed to automate the receipt and digital transfer of these endorsed documents to the concerned department.

In this regard, the Chair directed Commissioner (Import II) to take necessary action and put up reference to Board incorporating these suggestions.

Action: Commissioner II

4 . 4 Suggestion for Digital Access to Custom Passes via Mobile Application: President, BCBA submitted a suggestion that Digital Custom Passes with features of i) QR code for validation; ii) Real-time verification by customs officers; iii) Integrated photo and ID; iv) Access logs for audit trail may be issued through the Customs Broker Licensing Management System (CBLMS), which can be accessed through a secure mobile application or mobile browsers so that they can be easily downloaded and shown on smartphones for access the Customs area.

In this regard, Shri Bipin Jadhav, Deputy Commissioner informed that Customs passes can be downloaded through the Browser and having QR Code, however the QR code

readers are not available in the port Gates for entry.

In this regard, the Chair instructed to Pr. Commissioner (Gen) to examine the suggestion and take necessary steps.

Action: Pr. Commissioner (Gen)

4.5 Release of Goods when sample is drawn under system-directed targeting under faceless assessment: As per current practice, when the RMS directs a sample to be drawn for testing, the concerned Assessing Officer at the FAG level proceeds to assess BoE under Second Check, without making it provisional or marking it as First Check. In such cases, members of the trade are left in an uncertain position where they must await the test report before the goods can be released, despite compliance with all other procedures. In this regard, it is requested that a clear directive may be issued that in cases where a sample is drawn under system-directed targeting (RMS), the goods may be released on provisional basis, pending the test report, unless there is a strong reason to withhold release. Further, President, BCBA highlighted the issue of Base Oil where samples are drawn in each consignment even in case of same supplier/importer and Bs/E are assessed provisionally.

In this regard, the Chair instructed to examine both the matters and submit a report along with data (regarding items imported at Mumbai port) to take up the matter with NCTC.

Action: Commissioner (Import I & Import II)

4 . 6 Operational difficulties faced in ICETAB implementation: President, BCBA informed that as per the current process flow, the Appraising Officer/Superintendent is required to login through the desktop system before the ICETAB gets activated, which defeats the purpose of real-time, on-the-spot operations using the tablet, and leads to unnecessary delays and duplication of efforts. Further, it was also highlighted that ICETABs currently displays only the examination orders and documents uploaded through e-Sanchit are not visible on the ICETAB's interface. In this regard, it is requested to ensuring full visibility of e-Sanchit documents on ICETAB and enabling end-to-end processing on the ICETAB itself.

In this regard, the Chair directed to Commissioner (Import I) to take up the matter with DG Systems, if issue of access to the documents still persists.

Action: Commissioner (Import I)

4.7 Regarding Mapping of Test Memo Through ICES System: President, BCBA informed that in cases of sample drawls, the Test Memo is generated through system. However, many CTH (Customs Tariff Headings) are not mapped in the System which creates a significant inefficiency as permission is required from the Additional Commissioner. In this regard, it is suggested that CTH mapped in the ICES system should

be made available on the ICEGATE website, which will enable stakeholders to verify in advance whether specific CTH are mapped and if any discrepancies are found can be intimated to DG Systems and Customs well in advance.

In this regard, the Chair directed to Pr. Commissioner (Gen) to find out the status from Dy. CC office in NCH and take up the matter with CRCL/DG Systems.

Action: Pr. Commissioner (Gen)

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

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Additional Commissioner of Customs

CCO, NCH, Mumbai

Copy to:

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2. All Pr. Commissioners/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)

Annexure-A

(Officers/Trade Representatives attended the CCFC meeting held on 16.06.2025)

S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Shri Rajan Chaudhary	Pr. Commissioner of Customs (G)
2	Shri Pradyumn Tripathi	Commissioner of Customs (Import-I)
3	Shri Amrendra Kumar Narayan	Commissioner of Customs (Import-II)
4	Shri Aslam Hassan	Commissioner of Customs (Export)
5	Smt. Shraddha Joshi Sharma	Commissioner of Customs (Audit)
6	Shri Amit Sharma	Additional Commissioner of Customs (CCO)
7	Shri Nitin Tagade	Additional Commissioner (Gen)
8	Shri Varun Rangaswamy	Additional Commissioner of Customs (Gen)
9	Dr. Subhash Yadav	Additional Commissioner of Customs, Import II
10	Smt. Jyoti Agrawal	Additional Commissioner of Customs, Import II
11	Shri Vikram Phadke	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Import I
12	Smt. Tangadkar Deepika Kartik	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Import I
13	Shri Dinesh Kumar	Assistant Commissioner of Customs (CCO)
14	Shri Siddhesh C Shigwan	Sr. Assistant Manager, MbPA
15	Shri P V Kamble	Dy. Traffic Manager, MbPA
16	Dr. Santosh Patok	PPO(PP), RPQS, Mumbai

17	Dr. Sharmila Amin	Co-convenor WRC, AMTOI
18	Shri Sanjeev Harale	President, BCBA
19	Shri Paresh Thakkar	Sr. Vice President, BCBA
20	Shri Hiren Ruparel	Vice President, BCBA
21	Shri Jayyant Lapasia	President, AILBIEA
22	Shri Ganpat Korde	V. President, BCBA
23	Shri Omprakash Agrawal	Committee Member, MACCIA
24	Shri Manohar Patnaye	BCBA
25	Shri Ashok Saini	BCBA
26	Shri Harsh Lapsia	BCBA
27	Shri Mark Fernandes	BCBA
28	Shri Naresh Nasta	Motumal & Co.
29	Shri Manik Nasta	AILBIEA
30	Shri Raj Pinto	Parekh Marine