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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC), CUSTOM CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC), PUBLIC GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE (PGRC) HELD ON 27.12.2022**

A meeting of “PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC), CUSTOM CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC), PUBLIC GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL COMMITTEE (PGRC)” was held at Custom House, Kandla, on 27.12.2022 at 15.30 hrs under the Chairmanship of Shri T. V. Ravi, Commissioner of Customs, Kandla. The following Customs Officers and representatives of trade were present during the meeting.

Sr. No.	Name of the representative /Shri/Smt)	Designation of Officers / representative of Members
1	R H Meena	Additional Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Kandla
2	D P Bamanavat	Additional Commissioner of Customs, C. H., Kandla
3	Kaushal Kishore	Superintendent of Customs, A.G. Section, C. H., Kandla.
4	Abhay Gupta	Preventive Officer of Customs, AG Section, C.H., Kandla.
5	P. Nagaraju	Assistant Manager, KICTPL, Kandla
6	Trishankar Kumar	Assistant Manager, IFFCO, Kandla
7	Dushyant Chouhan	Senior Manager (Acc.), IFFCO, Kandla
8	Dinesh Gupta	President, Kandla Customs Broker Association
9	R P Singh	Joint Secretary, Kandla Customs Broker Association
10	Dhiren Chhaya	Vice President, Kandla Customs Broker Association
11	Hemchand Yadav	Kandla Timber Broker Association
12	Varun Mohan	Manager, CWC
13	Dr. C.S.Patni	Deputy Director, RPQS, Gandhidham
14	Adarsh Gautam	Branch Manager, SBI, Kandla
15	A.K.Singh	Chemical Examiner, Kandla Laboratory
16	Sanat Nair	K.P.S.A.A
17	Harishyam	K.P.S.A.A

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the Officials/Members of the Trade Associations. There was no agenda point pending for discussion from the previous meeting/minutes. The following agenda points were discussed in the

meeting.

- i. The reasons for high time taken for payment of duty after assessment and measures to be taken to reduce the time taken by the importers for payment of duty.

**Agenda points:**

**I: The reasons for high time taken for payment of duty after assessment and measures to be taken to reduce the time taken by the importers for payment of duty:**

All the stakeholders were asked to give their inputs regarding reasons for high time taken for payment of duty after assessment. The members of trade replied that there is no delay as such in payment of duty after assessment and the delay may be there in some cases due to specific nature of imported items like coal etc. Shri R P Singh, Joint Secretary, Kandla Customs Broker Association suggested that in case of import of coal, BEs should not be assessed provisionally after re-calling. Rather, the BEs should be assessed on test bond, which will save a lot of time and will thus result in early payment of duty after assessment. He requested the chairman to look into the issue.

**Reply:** The Chairman informed the members about major findings of National Time Release Study 2022 which indicates high time taken in payment of duty after assessment. The chairman replied that to facilitate the trade, the issue of provisional assessment in respect of import of coal is re-considerable. He directed that instead of provisional assessment of BEs after re-calling, the goods (imported coal) may be cleared on the basis of test bond. The chairman stressed on ease of doing business and asked the Importers/Custom brokers to pay import duty immediately after filing of BEs.

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**II. Other points/issues discussed**

The chairman informed the members about the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Committee on Trade facilitation and discussed on the matters mentioned in Annexure II of the minutes of 6<sup>th</sup> NCTF meeting. The chairman directed that importers/CBs should make payment of duty immediately after filing of BEs. Some of the members also raised the procedural issues regarding getting test report from PPQ office in case of imports of timber products. On this Dr. C.S. Patni, Deputy Director, RPQS, Gandhidham replied that the software of PPQ department is being updated to make the procedure user friendly for the stakeholders. The Chairman asked the members of trade to bring into notice any issue related to Customs and assured that the issue would be taken up with the concerned authorities. The Chairman further asked the concerned stakeholders to act in accordance with Handling of Cargo in Customs Area Regulations, 2009. Some members also raised the issue of lack of skilled labour equipped in handling of bag cargo which results in delay in handling of such cargo. On this, the Chairman asked the trade to

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cooperate with each other and take suitable measures to get sufficient number of skilled labour that can handle the bag cargo. The Chairman also directed the members of trade to share best practices amongst them for the overall benefit of all the stakeholders.

The trade welcomed the positive attitude of the chair and assured of their cooperation at all times.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

(RAM HET MEENA)  
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER  
04-01-2023

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