

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION
COMMITTEE (PTFC), HELD ON 15.12.2025**

A meeting of “PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (PTFC)” was held at Custom House, Kandla, on 15.12.2025 at 04:00 P.M. under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitin Saini, Commissioner of Customs, Kandla. The following Customs Officers and representatives from the trade and other stakeholders participated in the meeting virtually through online mode for which the meeting link was already shared:

Sr. No.	Name of the Representative (S/Shri/Ms.)	Designation of Officers / representatives of Members
1	Vishwajeet Singh	Additional Commissioner of Customs, C.H., Kandla
2	Rakesh Kumar Jain	Additional Commissioner of Customs, C.H., Kandla
3	B. V. S. Prasad	Assistant Commissioner, C. H., Kandla
4	D. Srikanth	Assistant Commissioner, C. H., Kandla
5	Harun Rashid Khan	Assistant Commissioner, C. H., Kandla
6	Bindu Yadav Rohtagi	Assistant Commissioner, C. H., Kandla
7	Mukesh Dutt	Superintendent, A. G. Section, C.H., Kandla
8	Narendra Kumar Dawn	Superintendent, Bond, C.H., Kandla
9	C. S. Patni	Deputy Director (E), RPQS Kandla (PPQ Dept)
10	Dinesh Gupta	President, KCBA, Kandla
11	Dhiren Chhaya	VP, Kandla Customs Brokers Association
12	Siddhid Chhaya	Kandla Customs Brokers Association
13	Soneta P.	Member, Kandla Customs Brokers Association
14	Ramnik P Akbari	President, Jamnagar Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
15	Ramendra P. Singh	Joint Secretary, Kandla Customs Brokers Association
16	Martin Mekwan	LPF, CFS, Gandhidham
17	Members	GIM-FOKIA
18	Members	FOKIA-Bhuj

1.1 Further, as an initiative of the Board to include officers of DGTS Zonal Units as a Permanent Invitee in the PTFC and Open House Meetings conducted by the jurisdictional Commissionerates, following officers of the DGTS, Ahmedabad Zonal Unit Office, Ahmedabad also joined the meeting virtually through online mode:

Sr. No.	Name of the officer (Shri/Smt)	Designation of Officers / representatives of Members
1	Anilkumar Shreedharan	Additional Assistant Director, DGTS, Ahmedabad Zonal Unit, Ahmedabad.
2	Subita	Inspector, DGTS, Ahmedabad Zonal Unit, Ahmedabad

2. At the outset, there was a brief introduction session of the officers as well as attendees and thereafter Chairman welcomed the members of Trade, Customs Broker Associations, Representatives of Shipping Line Associations and other stakeholders present for the meeting.

3. Thereafter, Shri Vishwajeet Singh, Additional Commissioner, C. H. Kandla outlined the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting held on 07.11.2025 and provided an overview of the current state of trade facilitation and key challenges faced by stakeholders.

[A] NEW AGENDA POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING on 15.12.2025

This time no agenda points were received from Trade Representatives/Associations /Port Authority/Importers etc.

[B] MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS, PRESENT DURING THE MEETING HAS RAISED THE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

01. Issuance of Public Notice regarding Release of part Cargo as practice being followed by Mundra Customs.

{Point sponsored by Kandla Customs Brokers Association}

During the meeting, the Association pointed out that Out-of-Charge is being granted for part cargo by Mundra Customs and requested that the same practice be adopted by Kandla Customs. In this regard, the ADC clarified that, as per existing practice at Mundra port, Bills of Entry are being granted part Out-of-Charge wherever applicable. He further informed that in this regard a Public Notice No. 16/2025, has been issued by the Mundra Commissionerate.

The Chairman agreed with the request and directed that representatives of KCBA be consulted to ascertain the commodities for which they desire to seek the Out-of-Charge facility for part cargo. After finalization, the field formation may issue a Public Notice, if required.

(Action: AC (DE), Section)

02. Single Bill of Entry covers multiple containers, seal numbers may occasionally get interchanged, causing a mismatch.

{Point sponsored by Kandla Customs Brokers Association}

During the meeting, it was pointed out that when a single Bill of Entry covers multiple containers, seal numbers may occasionally get interchanged, causing a mismatch. As seals are properly affixed and all containers are covered under the same Bill of Entry, such instances were requested to be treated as bonafide mistakes.

The Chairman directed that examination shall continue on a container-wise basis, and no adverse action shall be taken in the absence of specific intelligence or suspicion.

(Issue may be closed)

03. Permission to store export cargo in licensed liquid storage tanks without treating

such tanks as bonded for Customs warehousing.

{Point sponsored by Kandla Liquid Tank Terminal Association}

During the meeting, it was pointed out the one representation was submitted by the association regarding grant of permission to store export cargo in licensed liquid storage tanks without treating such tanks as bonded for Customs warehousing.

The Chairman said that the matter was noted for further examination. The section has been instructed to examine the matter carefully and, before taking any final decision.

(Issue may be closed)

The Chairman expressed satisfaction on a productive discussion about the challenges being faced by the trade and need for more coordination being key to finding effective solutions. The Chairman has further expressed that, together, we can navigate the complexities of trade and customs and build a more efficient system for everyone involved.

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.

This issues with the approval of Commissioner, Customs House, Kandla.

Additional Commissioner
Custom House Kandla

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2. The Additional Commissioner of Customs, CCO, Gujarat Zone, Ahmedabad.
3. DGTS Zonal Unit, Ahmedabad.
4. All the Additional Commissioners, Custom House, Kandla.
5. All the Assistant/Deputy Commissioners, C.H., Kandla,
6. All the members of PTFC/CCFC/PGRC meeting.
7. The EDI Section, Custom House, Kandla for uploading on the website of the Commissionerate.
8. Notice Board.
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