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**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS : PUNE
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**MINUTES OF THE 68th PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 30th April, 2019 AT 16.00 HRS.**

The 68th Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting of the Pune Customs Commissionerate, was held on 30th April, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri M.V.S. Choudary, Principal Commissioner, Customs, Pune.

2. The following members from the Trade and Industry attended the meeting:

S.No	Name of the Member (Smt/Shri)	Representing
1.	R.D. Bhargava	Maratha Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture, Pune
2.	K.P. Mishra	M/S Bilcare Pvt. Ltd.
3.	Vinod J Sharma	Pune Custom House Agent Association
4.	Jacob George	M/S Thermax Ltd.
5.	A V Samarth	Pune Custom House Agent Association
6.	S P Kulkarni	Pune Custom House Agent Association
7.	Reza Ahmad	M/S Dynamic Logistics
8.	Prakash S Bhagat	CONCOR India, Chinchwad
9.	Somnath Joshi	Glo Ind Logistics Pvt Ltd.
10.	H P Srivastava	Deccan Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture, Pune
11.	Pradeep Kale	Pune Custom House Agent Association / Abhishan Logistics
12.	Suhas Jadhav	Air India Ltd.
13.	Dhanraj Bhure	Volkswagen group
14.	Jaysing Kamathe	KSH Distriparks Pvt. Ltd.

3. Following Officers from the Department and DGFT, Pune attended the meeting:

S.No	Name of the Officer	Representing
1	Shri Pravin Nalawade	Asstt. DGFT, Pune
2.	Shri Kalyanam R Ramarao	Joint Commissioner, Pune Customs
3.	Smt. P. Santhi Sudha	Joint Commissioner(Tax Payer's Service)
4.	Shri Mahesh Y Patil	Deputy Commissioner, ICD Pimpri - Chinchwad
5.	Shri Bharat Nawale	Deputy Commissioner, ICD Talegaon
6.	Mrs. Pratima Mulay	Superintendent (Tax Payer's Service)
7.	Mrs. Vinaya Kale	Inspector(Tax Payer's Service)

4. The Chairman welcomed all the members present as well as the members from Ratnagiri & Dapoli Customs via video conference in the first meeting of year 2019-20. The Chairman also thanked the trade members for support due to which Pune Customs could perform well and achieved target for financial year 2018-19.

5. The Chairman informed the Members of the Trade that there is one point sponsored by Shri Kamta Mishra, M/S Bilcare Ltd. Shri Mishra stated his point as under :

We would like to inform you that maximum exporters are using the Advance Authorization for the purpose of exports and imports. After completing the exports and imports against the said Advance Authorization, the documents are submitted to concern RA for EODC/Redemption. Since there are lot of pendency in DGFT office for closure of the Advance Authorization, RA is taking time to redeem the authorization. In this case the custom should not insist for redemption letter, when exporter has already submitted the proof of completion of export obligation, since the EODC/Redemption letter can be provided only when the DGFT redeems the authorization.

In this regard CBEC has also issued a suitable circular no. 16/2017 dated 02.05.2017.

Discussion & decision : The Chairman informed the Trade that the point raised by Shri Mishra is relating to his own company. Discussion took place on the point in general. The Chairman informed the Trade that in terms of Board's Circular No. 16/2017, there are no powers to waive the requirement of submission of RA. In cases of delay from DGFT side, the instructions given in the subject Circular are being followed and no harsh action has been taken so far. Department is bound by the instructions laid down in the said circular and also answerable to the Auditors on this Issue. The Trade needs to take regular follow up with DGFT. Dy. Commissioner, ICD Talegaon informed that in spite of issuing simple letters, public notice and simple notice, the documents in respect of 4 Advance Licenses of M/S Bilcare are still awaited. Shri Nalawade, Asstt. DGFT, Pune present in the meeting assured that the issue will be resolved immediately after getting required details from the company. The Chairman asked Shri Mishra to sort out the problem in co-ordination with Dy. Commissioner, ICD-Talegaon and DGFT, Pune. Shri Mishra expressed satisfaction over the coordination facilitated by Pune Customs with DGFT on the issue.

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6. The discussion took place on pending Paras of 67th PTFC meeting as under:

(i) **Para 5 (i) - S/B Print out quality.**

Action Pending : Issue of poor quality of printout all over India & its legibility to be taken up with DG (Systems).

Discussion & decision : Deputy Commissioner, EDI informed the Trade that the matter has been taken up with DG Systems. On which Shri Kale, PCHAA has informed that the issue has been resolved and quality of print out is better.

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(ii) **Para 5 (ii) - Overview of working of ICDs in Pune.**

Action Pending : Issue of local EGM data entered not getting reflected at Mumbai Port which leads to duplication of work is a system related problem and will be taken up with the DG Systems.

Discussion & decision : Dy Commissioner, EDI informed the Trade that Pune Customs has been taken up the issue with DG Systems and also had a discussion with NIC who have agreed for making system related changes so as to avoid duplication work and data under one TP number will be auto populated. It will take 2-3 months' time.

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7. The Chairman permitted the members to raise additional point/issue, if any.

8. The representatives of Air India present in the Meeting requested for the status of their application for Transshipment Permit. The Chairman informed that the same has been approved. The Chairman enquired whether there will be sizeable amount of import/export. On which he explained that they have a hope and new Cargo

Complex is coming up by AAI within a year. The Chairman assured that Pune customs is ready for such challenges.

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9. The Custodians of ICD-Talegaon requested that ICD timings up to 10.00 pm be reduced by 2 hrs i.e. up to 08.00 pm as only 2 importers are using this late hour time slot. Discussion took place on the advantages of increased timings in ICD-Talegaon. Trade informed the Chairman that Pune is now at par with Mumbai due to increased time slot facility for clearance. And it is proving beneficial for Pune based Trade due to considerable cut down in transportation cost. Also considering traffic restrictions up to 7.30 pm, proposed timing up to 08.00 pm will not suffice the purpose of facilitation. Trade representatives also expressed that more & more Trade will divert from Mumbai in near future because of clearance facility during increased working timings. The Chairman informed the custodian to continue with the present timings i.e. up-to 10.00 pm. The Custodians of ICD-Dighi also expressed willingness to work as per the increased time slot on the demand of Trade. The discussion also took place on proposed DID scheme. The trade showed interest in availing such scheme.

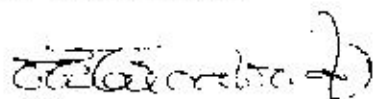
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10. The PCHAA representatives informed that recently samples sent for testing at Dy. Chief Chemist, Mumbai were returned as they have no equipment to test. The testing was routine RMS checking. The Chairman appealed to the Trade as well as to the Dy. Commissioner, ICDs that sample drawing process should not be mechanical and reasons need to be recorded for every sample drawing. The Trade members enquired about future possibility of enhanced export of Drugs from Pune either by requesting Drug Control Officers to come to Pune/open new office in Pune or otherwise, as Drug Controller Office is not in Pune at present. The Chairman informed that there are on-line facilities of certification from Drug Controller which can be availed to reduce the clearance time. The Chairman assured the Trade that Pune Customs will accept the challenge of fast clearance if drug export consignments come. He also directed Dy. Commissioner, ICD-Talegaon to study the provisions for online certification and other logistics issues for fast clearance of drug exports.

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11. The Chairman asked the Trade from Ratnagiri and Dapoli , present via video conference, whether they would like to discuss any issues. To which, they replied there were no issues for discussion.

12. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.



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