MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 17/08/2012

The fortnightly meeting of the permanent Trade Facilitation Committee was held on 17.08.2012 and was presided over by Shri Ravinder Saroop, Commissioner of Customs (Import).

The following participated in the meeting:-

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<td>Mr. Nailesh Gandhi, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mr. C.A. Veeramani</td>
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Points of last TFC meeting held on 27.08.2012 which were taken up for follow up action:

**Point 1: Request for clarification on requirement of Bank Solvency Certificate for SVB Continuity Bond executed at ACC.**

Commissioner (I) stated that as discussed in last TFC meeting, the practice prevalent in other Air Cargo Complexes has been ascertained. Henceforth Bank Solvency Certificate would not be insisted upon as a matter of routine. However, in cases where the assessing group is of the view that this is required in case of any importer, the matter will be placed before the Additional Commissioner for a decision.

[Point to be treated as closed]

**Point 2: Uploading of Public Notices and Standing Orders on the new ACC Website.**

Commissioner of Customs (I) informed that the ACC website is being redesigned and the new website along with updated public notices etc will be operational soon.

[Action: Customs]

**Point 3: Delay in the processing of documents from ADC office.**

BCHAA stated that since the last TFC meeting, the time taken for processing at ADC office had improved considerably. However, timelines could be indicated for processing of documents in ADC office so that their constituent members could be assured in this regard. ADC assured that he would devise an operational procedure to minimize the time taken for processing of documents by his officers.

[Action: ADC]

**Point 4: Request to waive ADC NOC requirement for Noted Drug items.**

Commissioner of Customs (I) informed that a copy of the Public Notice issued at Nhava- Sheva has already been given to ADC to examine the feasibility of adopting the same practice at ACC. A decision in this matter will be taken soon.

[Action: Customs]

**Point 5: Levy of excess charges for Truck Parking Facility of MIAL near Hotel Leela.**

VP, Cargo, MIAL informed that the circular 7/2011 shall be strictly followed and any case of non-compliance should be brought to his notice so that immediate corrective action can be taken.

[Point to be treated as closed]

**Point 6: Request for Handling of Import/Export Cargo through AFS Mulund**

Commissioner of Customs (I) informed that request in this regard had already been sent to DG Systems, New Delhi and a reminder has also been sent on 16.08.2012. The matter is being pursued.

[Action: Customs]

**Point 7: Revenue to be paid in cash in related party Import case in EOU.**

The Additional Commissioner of Customs (X) informed that the matter has already been referred to Board to clarify the matter.

[Action: Customs]

**Point 8: Re-allocation of areas in Shed and implementation of fire safety measures.**
VP, Cargo, MIAL informed that the fire exit issue has already been resolved and regarding re-allocation of area, the plan is under discussion with the Customs authorities. On the issue of elevated pathway MIAL expressed its inability because of huge cost involved in its construction and informed that many other facilitation measures are being taken for improving infrastructural facilities at the Air Cargo Complex.

BCHAA representative requested that fire safety measures which are in place in the offices area be reviewed by MIAL and the number of fire extinguishers may be increased, if required. They also requested that ‘No Smoking’ signs be put at as many places as possible.

VP, Cargo, MIAL informed that 126 fire extinguishers have already been installed. He also assured that MIAL will consider installing fire extinguisher at every 10 meter distance in Air Cargo Complex. He also assured that more “No smoking” sign boards will be installed.

[Action: MIAL]

Point 9: Request for Help Desk at the Main gate of ACC

VP, Cargo, MIAL informed that there is already a Help Desk at the main gate for receiving letters and acknowledgements, which is successfully providing the services expected.

[Point to be treated as closed]

II The following Agenda points (forwarded by BCHAA) were discussed in the meeting:

Point 10: Difficulties being faced in carrying out amendments in Kacha Bills of Entry (Direct Delivery)

BCHAA informed that they are facing difficulties in carrying out amendments in Kacha Bills of Entry (Direct Delivery).

Commissioner of Customs informed the representative of BCHAA that specific instances where difficulties are being faced should be brought to his notice so that action can be taken.

[Action: BCHAA]

Point 11: Delay in forwarding and delivery of packages in Air India shed.

BCHAA informed that there is delay in forwarding and delivery of packages in Air India shed by Air India loaders. BCHAA also informed that they have already lodged a complaint with Air India in this matter.

Air India representative informed that the matter has already been taken up by them with the loaders, and it will be ensured that no delay takes place in forwarding of packages. Any grievances in this regard may be brought to the notice of senior officers to resolve the issue.

[Action: Air India]

Point 12: Request for requirement of more Customs staff for registration in Export Shed.

BCHAA requested for requirement of more Customs staff for registration in Export Shed.

Commissioner of Customs (I) said this matter will be decided in consultation with Commissioner of Customs (X).

[Action: Customs]

III With the permission of the Chair, the following unlisted point was taken up for discussion:

Point 13: Request regarding EDI connectivity to BMC office.
BCHAA requested Commissioner of Customs (I) to communicate their request to DG Systems, New Delhi regarding providing EDI connectivity to BMC at Air Cargo Complex. They suggested that MIAL and Customs can provide statistical information to BMC. They told that they had met DG Systems, New Delhi on this issue a few days ago and had been given assurance of full support on the issue.

Commissioner of Customs (I) said that this is a policy matter and this needs to be taken up by BCHAA with the Board and O/o DG (Systems).

[No action at ACC (I)]

3. This issues with the approval of the Commissioner (Import), ACC.

Sd/-
(PARAG BORKAR)
Additional Commissioner (I)
Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai

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6. ACC Batch Office.
7. ASI/WLRO/ADC/PHO/PQ/AQ/BMC/Octroi
8. Authorized Officer, Food Safety and Standard Act, 2006
9. Air India/MIAL
10. State Bank of India/Canara Bank
11. ACAAI/BCHAA/BAR
12. All members of TFC
13. Website