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MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 30.07.2026

The second meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC), for the month of July 2026 was held in the Conference Hall of ACC at 12:00 Noon on 30.07.2026 chaired by Shri Hardeep Batra, Commissioner of Customs, Export. The following officers and representatives participated in the meeting:

Sl. No.	Name&Designation(Customs)	Organization
1.	Shri Harsh Singh, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
2.	Smt. Priya Jadhav, Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
3.	Shri Nikhil Goyal, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
4.	Shri Siddharthan T, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
5.	Shri Kanhaiya Poddar, Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Import Shed)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
6.	Shri Jai Singh Meena, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Import	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
7.	Shri Sanjay M Patel, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
8.	Shri Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
9.	Shri AK Dutta, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
10.	Shri Suresh Meena, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
11.	Shri Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent, (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
12.	Shri Shashi Shekhar Sinha, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai

13.	Shri Jaywant K.Zemse, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
14.	Shri Rohit, Superintendent, (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
15.	Shri Kuldeep Yadav, Examiner (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
16.	Shri Shivam Choudhary, Preventive Officer, (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
17.	Shri Shantanu Kumar Chouksey, Examiner, (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
18.	Shri Pratap M Rane, Add. AAD	DGTS, MZU
19.	Shri Ravindra M Advikar, AAD	DGTS, MZU
20.	Shri Pratap Chandra Sah, AAD	DGTS, MZU
21.	Shri Pradeep Jhalaria, Assistant Commissioner	DGTS, MZU

Sl. No.	Name of Attendees of Stakeholder	Organization
1	Shri Prasad Naik	All Nippon
2	Shri Hiren Joshi, Deputy Task Manager	AIASL
3	Shri Mukesh Marolia, Associate Manager	MCSCAPL
4	Shri Mahesh Bowlay	MCSCAPL
5	Shri Aslem Shaikh	MIAL
6	Shri Naresh Kumar, Deputy Manager	MIAL
7	Shri Vishal V. Kamble	MIAL
8	Smt. Shilpa Amrate	MIAL
9	Shri Vijay Bhagudia, Security Head	MIAL
10	Shri Subodh Thakur	MCSAPL
11	Shri Rajen Bhatia	ACAAI
12	Shri Shailesh Sharma	ACAAI
13	Shri Prashant Popat	AMTOI
14	Shri Paresh Sangani, Chairman	BCBA
15	Shri Kaushal H. Thakkar	BCBA
16	Shri Ketan Desai, Secretary	BCBA
17	Shri Parshuram Upadhyay	MCSCAPL
18	Shri Nilesh Mahamunkar	Lufthansa Cargo
19	Shri Chaitaly Mehta	BCBA
20	Shri Dr. Swaroop Kumar	Plant Quarantine
21	Smt. Namrata Patkar	AIASL
22	Shri Amit Kadam, Asst. Manager	MIAL

The following agenda points were taken up for discussion and decision: -

A. OPEN POINTS FROM THE LAST PTFC MEETING:

The Chair was appraised that all the agenda points from the last PTFC meeting had been closed. However, the Chair referred to three agenda points where actions were to be undertaken by the stakeholders, namely:

1. Agenda Point No. 1 of the previous meeting: *Finalization of Bonds*; In this regard BCBA was requested to apprise the committee on the action taken for sensitizing the CBs and Importers in expediting the compliance to finalization of Bonds.

Sh. Ketan, Secretary, BCBA, stated that BCBA has issued a circular in this regard and is actively sensitizing the trade and the CBs to ensure that the common objective of finalization of Bond is achieved.

Point closed

2. Agenda Point No. 2 of the previous meeting: *Presentation of goods for examination within 24 hrs of registration*; In this regard BCBA was requested to apprise the committee on the action taken to sensitize the trade.

Sh. Ketan, Secretary, BCBA, stated that BCBA is in the process to issue a circular in this regard and is actively sensitizing the trade to ensure that examination of goods is conducted without delay and to reduce the dwell time.

Point closed

3. Agenda Point No. 5 of the previous meeting: *Setting up of a Committee to examine the issues under agenda point No. 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3*; In the previous meeting it had been decided that a Committee comprising representatives of ACAAI, BCBA, MIAL and Customs (ACC, Export) would be constituted to resolve the issues mentioned under Para 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3.

It was intimated that the members of the committee were yet to be nominated by the different stakeholders. The Chair requested Shri Rajen Bhatia, representative of ACAAI, to undertake sector-wise coordination, obtain nominations from the concerned stakeholders and initiate the process for convening the Committee meeting at the earliest.

Action: ACAAI, BCBA, MIAL and Export Commissionerate

B. NEW POINTS RECEIVED FROM STAKE HOLDERS:

1. Collection of Entry Pass Fees Through Gpay:

BCBA submitted that MIAL is presently collecting Entry Pass fees through GPay. The trade is facing accounting difficulties as the payment is made by the individual applying for the Entry Pass, whereas the expenditure is borne by the firm. Accordingly, it was requested that MIAL may introduce a payment mechanism

enabling firms to make such payments directly and maintain proper accounting records.

Discussion and Decision:

The Chair enquired whether alternative modes of payment were available. Shri Vijay Bhagudia, Security Head, MIAL, informed that Entry Pass fees could be paid through GPay, NEFT and RTGS, and that all the aforesaid payment modes were operational. In view of the availability of multiple payment options, the Chair advised the stakeholders to utilize the existing facilities for processing such payments.

Point closed

2. Delay in clearance of export shipments referred to SIIB:

BCBA submitted that its members have been facing considerable delays in the clearance of export consignments. It was represented that Shipping Bills kept pending due to non-submission of requisite documents or information by the Customs Broker or exporter are being referred to SIIB (Export), resulting in avoidable delays in obtaining clearance from SIIB as well as the Export Shed.

The trade requested that Shipping Bills should not be referred to SIIB merely on account of procedural deficiencies. Such referrals may instead be made only where there is prima facie evidence of violation of the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, or where the deficiencies remain unresolved for a reasonable period, such as seven days.

Discussion and Decision:

Shri Ketan Desai, Secretary, BCBA, reiterated that the trade has been facing substantial delays as Shipping Bills are being referred to SIIB on account of non-submission of requisite documents or information, resulting in avoidable losses to the stakeholders. Shri Kaushal Thakkar, representative of BCBA, also shared details of three Shipping Bills wherein such delays had been observed.

Shri Siddharthan T., Joint Commissioner (Export), informed that only the Shipping Bills which remained pending for grant of LEO for more than 14 days after registration were being transferred to SIIB for scrutiny.

The Chair examined the timelines of all the Shipping Bills referred to SIIB in last month and observed that more than 20 days had elapsed from the date of registration before the said Shipping Bills were referred to SIIB. The Chair further informed that the average dwell time at Export, Air Cargo Complex, Mumbai was approximately 45 minutes-1 hour and that such pending Shipping Bills adversely impacted the overall dwell time.

The Chair also informed that nearly 60–70% of the cases referred to SIIB had resulted in active investigation. The Chair directed that, henceforth, the period before referring Shipping Bills to SIIB shall be reduced to five days. The Chair further observed that where a Customs Broker has suitable reason to keep the shipment pending, a suitable explanation may be submitted to the JC, Export Shed for consideration. After examination of the request, in such cases, the shipment may not be referred to SIIB.

The chair asked the trade if the reply is satisfactory, to which Shri Ketan Desai and Kaushal Thakkar replied in affirmative.

Point closed

3. Delay in amendment of bills of entry under section 18A of the Customs Act, 1962:

BCBA submitted that the trade has been facing considerable delays in the processing of amendments to Bills of Entry under Section 18A of the Customs Act, 1962. It was represented that the process of recall and reassessment is not being completed within a reasonable timeframe, resulting in delays in customs clearance. The trade requested that suitable instructions be issued to ensure expeditious disposal of such amendment requests within the prescribed timelines.

Discussion and Decision:

Shri Kaushal Thakkar, representative of BCBA, submitted that the issue was system-related and that no corroborative data relating to amendments under Section 18A was presently available with the trade. He further stated that, in certain cases, applications filed for amendment under Section 18A become untraceable both to the trade as well as to the concerned officers, resulting in such applications remaining unattended.

Shri Ketan Desai, Secretary, BCBA, further brought to the notice of the Chair that DG Systems had already issued an advisory recommending the designation of a specific officer for processing such amendment applications.

Taking cognizance of the issue, the Chair directed that the matter be examined.

Point Open

Action: Import Commissionerate

The meeting ended after the foregoing discussions.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, Import, ACC, Mumbai.

Digitally signed by
Sanjay Mohanbhai Patel
Date: 06-08-2026
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Asst. Commissioner of Customs
Import, ACC, Mumbai - III

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