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MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13.08.2026

The first meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC), for the month of August 2026 was held in the Conference Hall of ACC at 12:00 Noon on 13.08.2026 and was 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	Shri Nikhil Goyal, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
3	Shri Siddharthan T, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
4	Shri Sunil Kumar Shrivastava, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
5	Shri Kanhaiya Poddar, Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
6	Shri A K Dutta, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
7	Shri Harish Kumar Parmar, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
8	Shri Jai Singh Meena, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
9	Shri C.B. Meena, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
10	Shri Shashi Shekhar Sinha, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
11	Shri V. D. Anand Kumar, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
12	Shri Sanjay M Patel, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
	Shri Kailash Tejawani, Asst. Commissioner of	Customs, ACC,

13	Customs (Export)	Mumbai
14	Shri Singaraju V. Rao, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
15	Shri J.A. Patel, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
16	Shri Avinash Punia, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (General)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
17	Shri Abhishek Singh, Superintendent of Customs (E & T, Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
18	Shri Avinash Kumar, Superintendent of Customs, (Technical, Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
19	Shri Shantanu Kumar Chouksey, Examiner (Technical, Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
20	Dr. S.A. Jayaprakash	RQPS, Mumbai
21	Shri Amit Kumar Singh	RQPS, Mumbai

Sl. No.	Name of attendees of Stakeholders	Organization
1	Shri Ketan Desai	BCBA
2	Shri Mark Fernandes	Sylvester Forwarders P Ltd.
3	Shri Paresh Sangani	BCBA
4	Shri Hiren Joshi	AIASL
5	Shri Rajen Bhatia	ACAAI
6	Shri Mahesh Bowlay	MCSCAPL
7	Shri Amit Kadam	MIAL
8	Shri Parshuram Upadhyay	MCSCAPL
9	Shri Vishal V Kamble	MIAL
10	Shri Atish Hirve	Sequel One
11	Shri Lynn Boothello	British Airways
12	Shri Ajinkya Lad	MIAL
13	Shri Aslam Shaikh	MIAL

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

A. OPEN POINT FROM THE LAST PTFC MEETING:

1. DELAY IN AMENDMENT OF BILLS OF ENTRY UNDER SECTION 18A OF THE CUSTOMS ACT, 1962

BCBA has submitted that the trade has reported considerable delays in the processing of amendments to Bills of Entry under Section 18A of the Customs Act, 1962. The process of recall and reassessment is not being completed within a reasonable time, resulting in unnecessary delays in customs clearance. It is requested that suitable instructions may be issued to ensure that such amendments are processed expeditiously within the

prescribed timelines.

Discussion and Decision:

The Additional Commissioner, Import informed that specific roles have now been assigned to the concerned officers for processing of amendments under Section 18A. He further informed that the process is underway and the officers have been instructed to process the applications on priority.

The Commissioner of Customs stated that any specific instance of delay or difficulty in processing of amendments under Section 18A may be brought to the notice of the Department for necessary examination.

Point Closed

Action: Import Commissionerate

B. NEW POINTS RECEIVED FROM STAKEHOLDERS:

1. PROCEDURE FOR CANCELLATION OF E-BOND AFTER FULFILMENT OF UNDERTAKING:

BCBA has submitted that the trade would like to seek clarification regarding the procedure for cancellation/closure of E-Bonds after the importer has fulfilled the undertaking and complied with all the conditions stipulated therein.

Importers are seeking cancellation of the E-Bond once the purpose for which the bond was executed has been duly fulfilled. It is therefore requested that the prescribed procedure, documentation and authority responsible for cancellation/closure of such E-Bonds may kindly be clarified. If any online facility is available for cancellation/closure of the E-Bond, the same may also be communicated to the trade.

Discussion and Decision:

Shri Mark Fernandes, representative of BCBA, sought clarification regarding cancellation and closure of e-Bonds after fulfilment of the stipulated conditions. He also raised the difficulty faced in cancellation of e-Bonds in cases of temporary import followed by re-export and suggested system-based reconciliation for automatic cancellation.

The Additional Commissioner of Customs informed that the existing procedure for cancellation of e-Bonds is the same as applicable to physical bonds and that the importer/exporter is required to approach the concerned Customs authority with the requisite documents.

The Commissioner of Customs suggested that the procedure followed at Nhava Sheva may be checked.

Point Closed

ACTION: TSK, Import Commissionerate

2. FACILITY FOR CORRECTION/AMENDMENT OF E-BOND AND BANK GUARANTEE SUBMITTED ONLINE:

BCBA has submitted that the trade is facing difficulties in cases where the E-Bond and Bank Guarantee (BG) are submitted online but are not accepted by the Department due to minor deficiencies or requirements for incorporation of additional details/clauses in the Bond or BG

In such cases, the importer is presently required to execute and submit a fresh E-Bond and BG, resulting in duplication of work and avoidable delays in clearance.

It is therefore requested that a facility may kindly be provided in the online system to rectify/correct or amend the E-Bond and BG already submitted, wherever the deficiency is of a rectifiable nature, instead of requiring the importer to execute a fresh Bond and BG.

Such a facility would help reduce repetitive documentation, avoid delays in clearance and facilitate ease of doing business.

Discussion and Decision:

Shri Mark Fernandes, representative of BCBA, submitted that where an e-Bond or Bank Guarantee submitted online is returned due to minor deficiencies or requirement of additional details/clauses, the trade is required to approach the concerned authority/bank for necessary corrections. He requested that a facility may be provided in the ICEGATE system for making such minor corrections/additions. He clarified that the request was limited to minor corrections/deficiencies and not substantive amendments such as change in value or extension of the period.

The Additional Commissioner of Customs informed that the bond and Bank Guarantee are issued by separate agencies and any change or correction would require validation by the original issuing agency. He further explained that these documents are generally digitally signed and any alteration would change the hash value and render the document invalid.

The Commissioner of Customs stated that the matter involves legal aspects and the role of the issuing authority before considering the technical feasibility of providing such a facility in the system. He stated

that the Customs is the custodian of the document and not the author of the document and therefore any alteration to be done on the eBond or the eBank Guarantee is to be undertaken by the issuing authorities, i.e. Revenue Authority and the concerned Bank. He stated that the issue therefore involves legal and policy aspects and is not merely a technical issue. Accordingly, the request was considered and the agenda point was closed.

Point Closed

ACTION: TSK, Import Commissionerate

C. TABLE AGENDA:

1. ISSUANCE / RENEWAL OF ENTRY PASSES AT AIR CARGO COMPLEX.

Shri Mark Fernandes, representative of BCBA, raised the issue regarding the procedure for issuance and renewal of entry passes for Customs Brokers and other stakeholders at the Air Cargo Complex. It was stated that the documents required and the criteria for issuance of passes are stringent and not transparent.

Discussion and Decision:

Shri Mark Fernandes, representative of BCBA, stated that despite submission of a valid Customs Broker licence and other documents such as Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, police verification/NOC and passport, additional documents are being sought. He also raised the issue regarding the requirement of background verification every three years and the validity of passport for the said purpose. He further submitted that where specific documents such as identity proof and background verification are sufficient, unnecessary additional documents should not be insisted upon.

Shri Aslam Shaikh, representative of MIAL, informed that the requirements are being followed as per BCAS guidelines and that background verification is required every three years for stakeholders seeking airport entry.

The Commissioner of Customs observed that the requirements should be supported by the relevant BCAS rules/guidelines and directed MIAL to provide the relevant rule to Shri Mark Fernandes. He further stated that the relevant rule/requirement should be indicated whenever any document is sought, whether for proof of identity or for background check. If the matter remains unresolved, the same may be raised as a proper agenda point. He also stated that the prescribed security

requirements cannot be compromised and suggested that the procedure followed at other airports, particularly Delhi, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, may be ascertained for comparison.

Point closed
Action: MIAL

The meeting ended after the foregoing discussions.

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

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Harsh Singh
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Import, ACC, Mumbai – III

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