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MINUTES OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 30.06.2026

The second meeting of Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC), for the month of June 2026 was held in the Conference Hall of ACC at 12:00 Noon on 30.06.2026 and was chaired by Shri Manish Chandra, Principal Commissioner of Customs, Import and co-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 (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
4.	Shri Prakash Chaudhary, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
5.	Shri Sunil Shrivastava, Joint Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
6.	Shri Kanhaiya Poddar, Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Import Shed)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
7.	Shri Itha Ramalingeshwara Rao, Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
8.	Shri Rajesh R Solanki, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
9.	Shri Jai Singh Meena, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
10.	Shri Shashi Shekhar Sinha, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
11.	Shri V.D. Anand Kumar, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
12.	Shri R V Keny, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (General)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
13.	Shri Avinash Punia, Assistant Commissioner	Customs, ACC, Mumbai

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14.	Shri Mahesh A Vhatkar, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
15.	Shri G. L. Meena, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
16.	Shri Jaywant K. Zemse, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
17.	Shri Rakesh Kumar, Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
18.	Shri Rajesh Kumar, Superintendent (Export)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
19.	Shri Raj Raushan, Superintendent, (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai
20.	Shri Lakhan Lal Meena, Preventive Officer, (Import)	Customs, ACC, Mumbai

Sl. No.	Name of attendees of Stakeholders	Organization
1.	Shri Praveen A. Jagtap, ADC	CDSCO
2.	Shri Anshul Sharma	Plant Quarantine
3.	Shri Kadam J. B, Technical Officer	FSSAI
4.	Shri Sanjeev Harale, President	BCBA
5.	Shri Dushyant Mulani	BCBA
6.	Shri Ketan Desai, Secretary	BCBA
7.	Shri Paresh Sangani, Chairman	BCBA
8.	Shri Kaushal H. Thakkar	BCBA
9.	Shri Hiren Joshi, Deputy Task Manager	AIASL
10.	Shri Namrata Patkar	AIASL
11.	Shri Sunita Sannake	AIASL
12.	Shri Amit Kadam, Asst. Manager	MIAL
13.	Shri Gaurav Sabnis	MIAL
14.	Shri Naresh Kumar, Deputy Manager	MIAL
15.	Shri Vishal Y Kamble	MIAL
16.	Pramod Pereira	Cargo Service Centre (CSC)
17.	Shri Nischal D'Souza, Dy. Manager	Sequel One
18.	Atish Hirve	Sequel One
19.	Shri Rajen Bhatia	ACAAI
20.	Shri Shailesh Sharma	ACAAI
21.	Shri Farokh Hansotia	ACAAI
22.	Shri Somel Thakkar	ACAAI
23.	Shri Mandar Rane, CSO	MCSCAPL
24.	Shri Mukesh Marolia, Associate Manager	MCSCAPL
25.	Shri Subodh Thakur, Manager	MCSCAPL
26.	Shri Edwin D'Souza, Dy Manager	MCSCAPL

27.	Shri Lynn Boothello, Manager	British Airways
28.	Shri Nilesh Mahamunkar	Lufthanas Cargo
29.	Pravin Bagde	Turkish Cargo
30.	Shri Sandeep Bhosale	Turkish Cargo

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

A. OPEN POINT FROM THE LAST PTFC MEETING:

1. CUSTOMS INTERVENTION ON WAIVER OF RENT OF O/O ASSISTANT DRUG CONTROLLER (I) & MINILAB.

CDSCO representative Shri Praveen Jagtap had highlighted during the PTFC meeting held on 15.05.2026 that the rent is being charged only at MIAL and furnished copies of Handing over/ Taking over reports indicating rent-free offices at Ahmedabad ACC and Navi Mumbai International Airport.

MIAL representative Shri Gaurav Sabnis reiterated that the matter has been taken up with the higher management, it will take some time and that he will revert when he has any update.

Discussion and Decision:

MIAL representative Shri Gaurav Sabnis submitted that the status remains the same, there is no update yet and that he will revert when he has any update.

Principal Commissioner asked representatives of CDSCO and MIAL to coordinate among themselves to resolve the issue.

Point closed
Action: MIAL

2. INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES AT ACC MUMBAI:

BCBA raised the issue of poor infrastructure of Air India in ACC in the PTFC meeting held on 15.04.2026 and later in other PTFC meetings.

Air India representative Shri Hiren Joshi highlighted the measures taken to improve cargo handling efficiency and reduce dwell time including deployment of additional manpower, immediate carting after LEO, strict implementation of first come-first cart policy, movement of cargo on skids instead of trolleys, a dedicated response team available 24x7 and shared their contact numbers.

BCBA representatives Shri Paresh Sangani and Shri Ketan Desai submitted that difficulties are faced every year during monsoon and requested for assurance of no leakages from roof in the Shed area.

Discussion and Decision:

BCBA representatives Shri Ketan Desai submitted that they regularly advise custodians on shortcomings and steps to be taken to overcome them.

Principal Commissioner asked Air India representative Shri Hiren Joshi whether he is aware of recent water logging seen in a video and asked whether he can assure that such water logging would not happen again to which he replied in the affirmative.

Air India representative Ms Namrata Patkar informed that for repair work of potholes causing water accumulation, requisite approvals are received and purchase orders for repair materials have been placed. Repair work will commence immediately upon receipt of the required materials.

ACAAI representative Shri Somel Thakkar intervened to state that he is compelled to take up various issues related to poor infrastructure and operations with higher management of AIASL who are often not aware of such issues and rely on the trade for steps that can be taken to resolve those issues. Shri Thakkar highlighted that this approach is unprofessional.

Principal Commissioner enquired if the higher management is aware of the issues to which Shri Hiren Joshi replied in the affirmative. Principal Commissioner remarked that it is surprising that the minutes of PTFC meetings are not seen by higher management.

Shri Harsh Singh, Additional Commissioner, citing the comments received from AIASL, pointed out that there is an issue of leakage near the Import Heavy Shed CB sitting area. AIASL representative Ms Namrata Patkar said that the matter was informed to Mr. Ashish Patil from MIAL Civil Team and the necessary rectification work are initiated. MIAL representative Shri Amit Kadam agreed in confirmation. On being asked by the Principal Commissioner as to who is responsible for this repair work, Shri Amit Kadam informed that AIASL and MIAL are jointly responsible.

BCBA representative Shri Dushyant Mulani highlighted that air conditioner was installed in the sitting area which was earlier occupied by Assistant Commissioner. It was removed during renovation. He requested for re-installing the Air Conditioner citing that the evaporation-based Air Coolers are ineffective in Mumbai humid climate. MIAL representative Shri Amit Kadam informed that heavy duty Air Cooler was recently installed as the area is not closed and has entry/exit from three sides.

Principal Commissioner said that Air Conditioner should not be replaced with Air Cooler. He further said that while he was doing a round of Shed area, he observed that one of the cabins occupied by an Appraiser does not has an air conditioner and in other shared cabins the Air Conditioners are in a bad state and ineffective. MIAL representative Shri Amit Kadam said that he is not aware of the issue and requested for exact location of said cabins. Principal Commissioner asked Shri Kanhaiya Poddar, Dy Commissioner, Import Shed to let MIAL representative know the location of the said cabins.

Point closed
Action: Air India and MIAL

3. DUPLICATION OF DATA ENTRY FOR TP CARGO RECEIVED FROM ICD PUNE (DIGHI)

BCBA had raised the issue in the PTFC meeting held on 22.06.2026. BCBA has informed that export cargo cleared at ICD Pune (Dighi) under ICES 2.0 is moved to ACC Mumbai under electronically generated Transshipment Permit (TP) after examination and LEO. However, upon arrival at ACC Mumbai, cargo particulars are reportedly required to be entered again before onward processing. Since both ICD Pune and ACC Mumbai operate on ICES 2.0, all Shipping Bill, LEO and TP details are already available in the Customs system. So it is requested that Customs may examine the necessity of such duplicate data entry and explore system-based retrieval of TP and Shipping Bill details at ACC Mumbai to facilitate seamless processing, reduce dwell time and avoid duplication of effort.

BCBA representative Ms Chaitaly Mehta informed that this point originates from their associates from Pune. She requested to keep the issue in abeyance for the time being as she does not have the complete information on the issue and that they will revert in the next meeting.

Discussion and Decision:

BCBA representative Ms Chaitaly Mehta was not present. However, Shri Ketan Desai highlighted that the issue pertains to General Commissionerate.

Commissioner, Export informed that at gateway ports validation of receipt of goods is done after which Shipping Bills go in queue for EGM processing. For a limited period during COVID, validation was not done for a large number of SBs. He further said that the duplication of entry is factually incorrect, since it is a process requirement of the gateway port to ensure that the goods which have been granted LEO at the inland port is authenticated at the gateway port for generation of EGM.

Shri Avinash Punia, Assistant Commissioner, Bond Section, General Commissionerate highlighted that the seals are checked for goods coming from ICD and once found intact an entry inward is given in the ICES system by feeding data like originating ICD site code, Shipping Bill number and date, which hardly takes a minute. This procedure is a mandatory requirement as per Board circular and cannot be done away with.

Point closed
Action: TP Section/Batch Office, General Commissionerate

B. NEW POINTS RECEIVED FROM STAKEHOLDERS:

1. DELAY IN CARTING OF EXPORT CARGO DURING WEEKENDS

BCBA has submitted that during weekends, the Custodians, MIAL/Adani, suspend or delay the issuance of gate passes for carting export consignments. As a result, vehicles carrying export cargo remain stranded in queues for prolonged periods, often ranging from 6 to 10 hours or even longer without any certainty.

Discussion and Decision:

ACAAI representative Shri Somel Thakkar highlighted that the issue of inordinate delays is not limited to weekends but is faced on all working days. He added that the condition is pathetic and that they need to run from pillar to post to get things done. BCBA representative Shri Kaushal Thakkar agreed in confirmation. Shri Ketan Desai highlighted that the situation is caused by lack of co-ordination among different agencies/authorities associated with the clearance processes. Principal Commissioner asked if any SOP is followed. BCBA representatives stated that there is no SOP.

Commissioner, Export said that a joint study group may be formed comprising of BCBA represented by Shri Dushyant Mulani and MIAL represented by Shri Amit Kadam under the chairmanship of Shri Siddharthan, Joint Commissioner, Export (Shed) to identify all the processes bottlenecks and to ideate on efficient solution and present a report. The study report may then be taken up for formulation of a SoP, if required.

Principal Commissioner further added that the considering the increase in air cargo volume, the ground staff now appear to be inadequate and should also be addressed by MIAL.

Point closed

Action: MIAL, BCBA and Export Commissionerate

2. SIMPLIFICATION OF PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF E-BONDS

BCBA has submitted that while accepting e-bonds, documents like Bill of Entry, copies of draft e-bond, IEC, GST Registration Certificate, Aadhar card of the authorised signatory and Board Resolution authorising the signatory to execute the bond are insisted upon. In view of e-bonds application submitted through Importer's secured ICEGATE login credentials, authenticity of the applicant is already established. Hence, requirement of submitting above documents appears to be unnecessary.

Discussion and Decision:

Shri Avinash Punia, Assistant Commissioner, Bond Section, General Commissionerate informed that the documents already uploaded by the importers are not asked to be submitted in physical form. However, at times when the

address provided by the importer is incomplete, in such cases queries are being raised asking them to update the complete address.

Shri Harsh Singh, Additional Commissioner, TSK highlighted that the application made through login IDs of importers merely authenticates that it has been filed from a valid login credential but the authorized signatory and his relationship with the firm needs to be confirmed as the Bond is a legal document that needs to be signed by a person duly authorized by the firm. Further, many a times, details such as name, address etc. provided by the importer is incomplete and only in such cases, queries are being raised.

Principal Commissioner informed that a Public Notice was issued by this office in line with the Board Circular. He said that the issue will be studied and instructions/PN shall be issued, if required.

Point closed

Action: TSK, Import and Bond, General Commissionerate

C. TABLE AGENDA:

1. SETTING UP OF GATE SCANNERS

ACAAI representative Shri Rajen Bhatia and Shri Shailesh Sharma, in previous PTFC meeting held on 27.02.2026 had requested for setting up of Gate Scanners for oversized cargo as such consignments are unnecessarily subjected to open examination.

In the said PTFC meeting it was indicated that no Air Cargo Complex in India has such facility & the trade was advised to submit a formal representation along with volume of such oversized cargo. To this it was conveyed by representative of ACAAI that they have sent a report in this regard.

Principal Commissioner said that the report will be studied.

Point closed

Action: MIAL

2. SETTING UP OF STERILE AREA

ACAAI representative Shri Rajen Bhatia, in previous PTFC meeting had submitted that setting up of a sterile area is required for drawing of samples of specialized chemicals. He also highlighted that a Committee was formed in past and progress was made on the issue but it could not materialise eventually.

BCBA was asked to submit the volume of cargo required to be kept in the sterile area and quantum of sampling required which is still awaited. MIAL was also asked to work out the commercials which is currently pending at their end.

Point closed

Action: BCBA, MIAL

3. SETTING UP OF BONDED AREA

In the previous PTFC meeting, BCBA representative Shri Kaushal Thakkar and ACAAI representative Shri Rajen Bhatia requested for setting up of Bonded Area for cargo meant for re-export to third countries. Sh. Mark S Fernandes from Sylvester Forwarders P Ltd. had further highlighted that they need to go all the way to Navi Mumbai for warehousing such re-export goods.

It was informed by BCBA that a meeting was held with MIAL and they are awaiting the commercials to be finalized by MIAL.

Principal Commissioner asked MIAL to share minutes of meeting which MIAL held with ACAAI in this regard and to expedite their decision.

Point closed
Action: MIAL

4. PENDING IGST REFUNDS AND EGM ERRORS

Commissioner, Export reiterated that a few months ago a drive was undertaken to clear old pendency of IGST Refund owing to reasons like invoice mismatch etc. He also informed that a Public Notice has been issued containing list of EGM errors. He again made an appeal to the stakeholders to come forward and identify their cases and help in reducing pendency of such cases.

Point closed
Action: BCBA

5. DELAY IN EXAMINATION OF EXPORT CONSIGNMENTS

Commissioner, Export observed that in certain consignments which require examination, the goods are being presented with delays of upto a week and this adversely affects the dwell time. He reiterated that the goods should be presented for examination on the same day the goods are registered. BCBA response is awaited.

Point closed
Action: BCBA

6. NMIA – PROCESSES AND DOCUMENTATION FOR TRADE

BCBA representative requested that in view of the scheduled operations to commence at NMIA the Customs processes may be informed to the trade. He further requested that the passes which have been issued by MIAL for Air Cargo, Mumbai should be valid for NMIA Cargo Complex.

Commissioner, Export in charge of NMIA stated that specific requests of BCBA shall be taken up separately in a stakeholder meeting to be conducted and

requested BCBA to list out all the points to be discussed. As regard the issuance of passes, the Custodian will take up the matter.

Point closed
Action: MIAL, BCBA

The meeting ended after the foregoing discussions.

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

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Additional Commissioner of Customs,
Import, ACC, Mumbai – III

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