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Record of Discussion of NAC-Chemicals with FAGs and Trade Associations held on 29.06.2026

1. A meeting of **NAC-Chemicals** with concerned FAGs and Trade Associations was held on 29.06.2026 at **JNCH, Nhava Sheva**, under the chairmanship of the Convenor, NAC-Chemicals and the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II, JNCH.
2. At the outset, the Convenor welcomed all participants and sensitized the officers to closely monitor pending Bills of Entry and requested stakeholders, importers and customs brokers to ensure duty payment within the current month. As of 25.06.2026, 55 Bills of Entry were pending for more than 48 hours at some stage of assessment or examination. The highest number was from Chennai Sea (11), followed by Mumbai II (10), Bengaluru (6), and Delhi (10). The continuous need for monitoring of such pendency was emphasized upon.
3. The Convenor noted that in Gr. 2A-2B and Gr. 2F, the issue of non-allocation of BEs persists. Commissioners were directed to allocate additional staff if required and closely monitor this pendency.
4. Representative from BCBA referred to the discussion in previous meetings regarding re-import clearance and cited Public Notice No. 03/2019 issued by JNCH, which allows second check (instead of first check) where duties are paid in advance. He requested that all Custom Houses may also issue similar advisories. This matter was recorded in earlier minutes also that it may be replicated in other Custom Houses as well.
5. A presentation on the performance of FAGs during May 2026 was made by the NAC Secretariat covering key parameters such as BEs assessed, queries

raised, first checks ordered, Bills of Entry (BEs) pushed to PAG and assessment time. It was noted that number of BEs assessed in the month of April was 16406 and 17430 BEs in the month of May, 2026. It was also observed that:

- i. The percentage of queries raised has shown an increase from 22.47 % (April, 2026) to 23.49 % (May, 2026).
- ii. The overall percentage of BEs assessed under first check had decreased from 8.02 % (April, 2026) to 7.03 % (May, 2026).
- iii. Overall percentage of BEs pushed to PAG has observed slight decrease from 1.98 % ((April, 2026) to 1.96 % (May, 2026).
- iv. Overall assessment time has increased from 44.11 hours (April, 2026) to 46.13 hours (May, 2026).

6. Clarifications were sought from specific FAGs where the parameters were not upto the mark and remedial measures were discussed:

- a. It was noted that the query percentage increased drastically (23.34%) to (30.83%) for Delhi (Air). Further, Delhi (Air) was advised to look into the unusual increase of queries and take remedial measures where required. An increase in query percentage (29.26% to 31.34%) was observed in Nhava Sheva Port for Gr. 2 and 2(A-B), while the query percentage for Gr. 2 (C-F) for Tughlakabad continued to remain high (22.38% against all-India average of 14.70%). The concerned Commissionerates were advised to examine the nature of queries and take steps such as issuing Public Notices or sensitization to reduce the number of queries.

[Action: FAGs- Delhi (Air), Nhava Sheva, Tughlakabad]

- b. The Convenor further urged to the Trade and CB communities to bring unusual queries to the notice of the NAC Secretariat. It was also requested to sensitize the CB communities about the existing Public Notices which will help in curbing the number of queries raised.
- c. With regard to first checks, the Convenor observed abnormally high percentages- 14.17% against all-India average of 7.03% in Bengaluru FAG, 13.27% in Mundra & 12.80% in Delhi (Air) and in Chennai (Sea) 16.23% against all-India average of 4.93% for Gr. 2 and 2(A-B). The concerned FAGs were advised to review the reasons for the increase and take corrective measures.

**[Action: FAGs- Bengaluru, Mundra,
Delhi(Air) & Chennai (sea)]**

- d. The Convenor asked all the Commissionerates to examine the cases where BEs have been pushed to PAGs.

[Action: All FAGs]

- e. The Convenor also requested Bengaluru, Mundra and Nhava Sheva FAGs, which recorded the highest assessment dwell time during May 2026, to analyze the causes and take necessary steps to improve dwell time.

[Action: FAGs- Bengaluru, Mundra, Nhava Sheva]

7. Thereafter, the agenda points sponsored by stakeholders were discussed. The detailed record of discussions and action points is placed at Annexure-II (New Agenda Points) and Annexure-I (Old Agenda Points), while the list of participants is placed at Annexure-A.

8. It was noted that very few FAGs were sponsoring agenda points for the NAC meetings. All FAGs were requested to sponsor sufficient number of agenda points for meaningful discussions.

[Action: All FAGs under NAC (Chemicals)]

This issues with the approval of the Convenor, NAC Chemicals.

(Dr. Parul Singhal)
Joint Commissioner,
NAC (Chemicals)
JNCH, Nhava Sheva

Encl: Annexure-A, Annexure-I, Annexure- II.

Annexure-A

NAC Chemical Meeting with Trade & FAG Held on **29.06.2026** **List of Attendees**

The following officers of the department attended the meeting:

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Ms. B. Sumidaa Devi	Commissioner of Customs, Nhava Sheva-I
2.	Dr. Parul Singhal	Secretary (NAC) & Joint Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
3.	Ms. Himani Dua	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II
4.	Shri. Pankaj Khandagale	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II
5.	Ms. Likhita V Umare	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II
6.	Shri Rajkumar Mishra	Asst. Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
7.	Shri Ashesh Popatlal Patel	Asst. Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II

FAG Members attending the meeting:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri Dheeraj Rastogi	Pr. Commissioner of Customs, Delhi
2.	Shri Nasim Arshi	Pr. Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata
3.	Shri Alok Singh	Commissioner of Customs, Noida
3.	Shri N. Naresh	Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Port
4.	Shri Nitin Saini	Commissioner of Customs, Mundra
5.	Shri Kumar Amrendra Narayan	Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai-I
6.	Shri P Amresh	Additional Commissioner of Customs, Vishakhapatnam
7.	Shri T Parry Vallal	Additional Commissioner of Customs,

		Bhubaneswar
8.	Ms. Rani CR	Additional Commissioner of Customs, Cochin
9.	Ms. Jayabharathi	Additional Director of Customs, NCTC
10.	Shri Rakesh Jain	Additional Commissioner of Customs, Kandla
11.	Shri Deepak Zala	Additional Commissioner of Customs, Mundra
12.	Rupak	Additional Commissioner of Customs, Pune
13.	Shri Nitish Karnatak	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru ICD
14.	Ms. Radhika Venugopalan	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Air Cargo
15.	Dr. Saranya C	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Port
16.	Ms. Megha Bansal	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Delhi
17.	Ms. Himani Dhamija	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai-I
18.	Shri Sunil Srivastava	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai-III
19.	Dr. Sandeep Kaur	Joint Commissioner of Customs, Tughlakabad
20.	Ms. G Virudambikai	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Air Cargo
21.	Shri LM Kalaiarasan	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin
22.	Shri Harrison Antony	Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Cochin
23.	Shri R. Jones Ferling Raja	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Port
24.	Ramesh Kumar Kansotia	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Delhi
25.	Shri M. R. Bhatt	Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Kandla
26.	Shri Ranjit Rawool	Appraiser of Customs, Pune
27.	Sumit Bhati	Appraiser of Customs, Delhi

Representatives from Trade:

S. No	Name (Shri/Ms./Smt.)	Association
1.	Hiren Ruparel	BCBA

2.	Sudip Dey	FFFIA
3.	Rajesh Verma	FFFAI
4.	C.V. Karunakaran	CCBA
5.	Anita Juneja	DBCA
6.	Mohit Sharma	DCBA
7.	Rajesh Kumar Sharma	DCBA

OLD AGENDAPOINTS(ANNEXURE-I)

Sr. No.	Agenda Point	Sponsoring Association	Trade Comment	Record of Discussion	Action Owner
1	<u>Unnecessary query raised reg dual use CDSCO NOC</u> AILBIEA stated that SWIFT 2.0 provides a clear approval workflow and argued that seeking dual-use NOCs outside the system creates a parallel process that undermines transparency and the purpose of SWIFT. They urged that any routing issues be resolved within the existing framework.	BCBA/ AILBIEA	Representative from BCBA mentioned that they had raised this issue in the CCFC meetings also	The Convenor mentioned that this particular issue is being taken up in the CCFC meeting as stated by BCBA representative.	Closed.

NEW AGENDAPOINTS(ANNEXURE-II)

Sr. No.	Agenda Point	Sponsoring Association	Trade Comment	Record of Discussion	Action owner
1	<u>Request for Inclusion of HS Code 38089361 in Anti-Dumping Duty Notification No. 17/2025-Customs (ADD) dated 19.06.2025 for Pretilachlor Technical:</u> Pretilachlor Technical is an insecticide/herbicide product which, as per the current ITC (HS) Classification Schedule, is specifically classified under HS Code 38089361. Accordingly, importers are required to declare and file Bills of Entry under HS Code 38089361 to ensure compliance with the ITC (HS) classification prescribed under the Foreign Trade Policy. However, it has been observed that HS Code 38089361 does not appear in the tariff classifications covered under the above Anti-Dumping Duty Notification, although Pretilachlor Technical itself is covered by the notification. Consequently, importers face a practical difficulty whereby the Bill of Entry is initially filed under HS Code 38089361 in accordance with the ITC (HS) Schedule, and thereafter an amendment is required to be carried out to another HS Code, such as 38089399, for the purpose of assessment and payment of Anti-Dumping Duty.	UPL Ltd.	No trade representative was present.	The Convenor acknowledged the issue raised and noted that it will be referred to TRU for appropriate action.	NAC Secretariat