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Record of Discussion of NAC-Chemicals with Industry Associations held on 15.07.2026

A meeting of NAC (Chemicals) with concerned Industry Associations was held on 15.07.2026 at JNCH, Nhava Sheva, under the chairmanship of the Convenor, NAC-Chemicals, Mumbai Customs Zone-II, JNCH.

2. The agenda points sponsored by the stakeholders were taken up. A brief record of discussion, along with actions to be taken, is placed as 'Annexure - I' (Old Agenda points) & 'Annexure - II' (New Agenda points). The list of attendees is placed at 'Annexure - A'.

This issues with the approval of the Convener, NAC-Chemicals, JNCH, Mumbai Customs Zone-II.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh R Solanki)
Asstt. Commissioner of Customs
NAC-Chemicals Secretariat,
JNCH, Mumbai Zone-II.

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

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Annexure-A
NAC Chemical Meeting with Industry Associations
Held on 15.07.2026

List of Attendee

The following officers of the department attended the meeting:

S. No	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Parul Singhal	Secretary (NAC) & Joint Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II
2.	Ms. Likhita V Umare	Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-II

Representatives from Industry associations:

S. No	Name (Shri/Ms./Smt.)	Association
1.	Jaimin Vasa	Gujarat Chemical Association
2.	Mitesh Bhatt	
3.	Mr. Bhavya	BIC Chemicals
4.	Suyog Yerekar	Indian Chemical Council
5.	Jitin Sadana	Dhanuka Agritech Limited
6.	Manohar Maheshwari	Meghmani
7.	Shashank Mahana	Merck
8.	Mohammed Rizwan	Celanese
9.	Vijay Vora	Lubrizol
10.	Pradnya Kulkarni	
11.	Vincent Dmello	UPL ltd.
12.	Shubhangam Khanna	FAME
13.	Amartya Dutta	ABP Pvt. Ltd.

		New Agenda Points (Annexure-I)			
Sr No.	Agenda Point	Sponsoring Association	Trade Comments	Record of Discussion	Action Owner
1	Denial of request for reassessment of BOE after issuance of summons by DRI: The party submitted that they imported 111,000 kgs of Mono Isopropyl Amine vide BE No. 9342893 dated 18.05.2026. At the time of self-assessment, assessment by the officer, and duty payment on 19.05.2026, no anti-dumping duty was leviable, as ADD Notification No. 08/2026-Customs (ADD) was issued only on 22.05.2026. OCC was granted on 27.05.2026. Upon learning of the non-levy through DRI summons, the party submitted a request on 16.06.2026 to the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner for reassessment and payment of the applicable ADD with IGST and interest. The same has not been permitted. The party requests that reassessment be allowed at the earliest.	Meghmani Dyes	The importer filed the Bill of Entry, completed assessment, and paid the applicable customs duty before the issuance of Notification No. 08/2026-Customs (ADD) dated 22.05.2026 imposing Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on Mono Isopropyl Amine. After receiving a DRI summons regarding the non-levy of ADD, the importer voluntarily requested reassessment of the Bill of Entry to pay the applicable ADD, along with IGST and interest. However, reassessment has not been permitted, and the importer has requested early approval to enable payment of the applicable dues.	A detailed submission was sought from the importer.	Meghmani Dyes
2	Arbitrary Stoppage of Export of Bulk Chemicals like Hydrochloric Acid by Customs: The party submitted that Customs has stopped exports of Hydrochloric Acid and Sulphuric Acid based on CMD Alert No. 03/2026, which only provides a voluntary compliance mechanism and does not mandate an NOC. Despite this, Customs insists on NOC before allowing exports. No prior intimation was given to trade. India exports 5,000–8,000 MT of Hydrochloric Acid and 4,000 MT of Sulphuric Acid monthly — all now halted — causing heavy losses. The party requests that exports be allowed with end-user declarations as per the CMD alert, or on the basis of NOC application emails.	BIC Chemicals & Packagings Pvt. Ltd.	The party represented that exports of Hydrochloric Acid and Sulphuric Acid have been halted due to Customs insisting on an NOC under CMD Alert No. 03/2026, although the alert only prescribes a voluntary compliance mechanism and does not mandate an NOC. They have requested that exports be permitted on the basis of end-user declarations, or pending NOC applications, to avoid disruption and significant commercial losses.	A detailed representation was sought from the importer.	BIC Chemicals & Packagings Pvt. Ltd.
3.	Examination of consignments under CTH 4801 (Newsprint)-reg. Clarification regarding the applicability of DRI Alert Circular No. 19/2015 to genuine actual-user newsprint importers (including AEO Tier-1 entities) and examination practices affecting Direct Port Delivery (DPD), with a view to addressing delays and additional logistics costs arising from frequent physical examination of consignments.	M/s ABP Pvt Ltd	It was clarified that DRI Alert Circular No. 19/2015 is intended to address cases involving traders and misuse of eligibility conditions for newsprint imports, and is not	Matter to be examined By NAC Chemicals	NAC Chemicals

			applicable to genuine actual-user importers holding valid registration with the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI). The importer, an AEO Tier-1 status holder and a major newsprint importer through Kolkata and Haldia Ports, has represented that around 95% of its consignments were subjected to physical examination over the last six months, resulting in denial of Direct Port Delivery (DPD) and additional logistics costs, including CFS handling and container detention charges.		
4.	Non-availability of recent import data for agrochemicals on the lines of export-data as published by China	FAME	The association submitted that China published export data for agrochemicals and such data is not available in India.	The Convenor informed that the Department of Commerce publishes monthly import-export data, including country-wise and CTH-wise details.	Closed

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 since this particular issue is occurring across all NACs, hence to be taken up in the CCFC meeting as stated by BCBA representative.	Closed.