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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NAC 4 & 4A (METAL PRODUCTS) -  
PERIODIC CONSULTATION WITH SECTORAL ASSOCIATIONS  
CONVENED BY THE CONVENOR OF GROUP 4 & 4A (METAL PRODUCTS) /  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, AHMEDABAD ZONE, HELD ON  
27.04.2026 AT 15:30 HOURS.**

Meeting with Sectoral Associations was held virtually on 27.04.2026 at 15:30 hours under the chairmanship of Shri Pranesh Pathak, Convenor of NAC 4 & 4A (Metal Products) and Chief Commissioner of Customs, Ahmedabad Zone, to deliberate on key challenges in customs processes, particularly those arising from faceless assessment, classification complexities, and valuation-related disputes.

2. Following officers and trade representatives attended the virtual meeting. List has been prepared based on the available records, and any inadvertent omission is unintentional. The Department acknowledges the presence and appreciates the participation of all members/attendees.

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Name (Shri/Ms.)</b> | <b>Designation/Organisation</b>                     |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1              | Nasim Arshi            | Pr. Commissioner, Ludhiana                          |
| 2              | Dhirendra Lal          | Commissioner Jamnagar & Ahmedabad Customs           |
| 3              | Nitin Saini            | Commissioner of Customs, Mundra & Kandla            |
| 4              | Alok Singh             | Commissioner, Noida Customs                         |
| 5              | Pradyuman Tripathi     | Commissioner, Import 1, NCH Mumbai                  |
| 6              | S Sathianarayanan      | Additional Commissioner, CCO Customs Ahmedabad Zone |
| 7              | Dipak Zala             | Additional Commissioner, Mundra                     |
| 8              | Shree Ram Vishnoi      | Additional Commissioner, Ahmedabad                  |
| 9              | Lokesh Damor           | Additional Commissioner, Ahmedabad                  |
| 10             | Arvind Ghughe          | Additional Commissioner, Mumbai II                  |
| 11             | Dinesh Gupta           | President Kandla/Mundra Customs Brokers Association |
| 12             | Vivek Singh            | Chairman, Steel Furnace Association of India        |
| 13             | Rajesh Verma           | Vice Chairman, FFFAI                                |
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| 14 | Ganpat Gorade | Vice President BCBA |
| 15 | Keten Desai   | Representative      |
| 16 | Pramod Soneta | Representative      |
| 17 | Manoj Kotak   | Representative      |

3. At the outset, the Convenor extended a warm welcome to all representatives and other stakeholders attending the meeting. The Convenor noted that two agenda points had been submitted by the Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI). These points were taken up sequentially for discussion during the meeting.

**4.1 Agenda Point No 1: The FFFAI highlighted that though no examination has been prescribed by RMS, the Bill of Entry No. 8423789 dated 01.04.2026 was sent for 100% examination.**

(i) The Convenor drew attention to the Sectoral Association meeting held on 31.10.2025, wherein it was clarified that overriding or overwriting RMS-generated Examination Orders is not permissible. However, in line with Board's Guidelines No. 16/2022-Cus dated 29.08.2022 and DG System Advisory No. 36/2025 dated 25.06.2025, officers may issue additional or supplementary Examination Orders in exceptional and justified cases, subject to the approval of the Joint/Additional Commissioner of the respective Commissionerate. Accordingly, issuance of Examination Orders is permissible in justified circumstances, as a complement to RMS-generated directives.

(ii) As the said Bill of Entry was allotted to FAG Chennai for assessment, comments were accordingly sought from the Chennai. The Deputy Commissioner, Chennai informed that the BE was assessed under First Check, and 100% examination was ordered after obtaining the approval of the Joint/Additional Commissioner. During examination, an excess weight of 5,965 kg was detected. Subsequently, the BE was pushed to PAG.

(iii) It was noted that officers at PAG (Mundra) assessed the Bill of Entry and recovered an amount of Rs. 47,300/- towards the short-declared quantity, following which Out of Charge (OOC) was issued. It was emphasized that the examination order was issued strictly in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Board, and a case of mis-declaration was duly established.

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**4.2 Agenda Point No. 2: The FFFAI highlighted that the examination order prescribed by the Officer is in excess of the examination order prescribed by RMS in BE 8507615 dated 06.04.2026 and Officers are being instructed to check quarterly returns filed to CPCB. They submitted that checking of returns should be done by the respective departments as the importer is already registered under CPCB.**

(i) As the said BE was allotted to Mumbai II for assessment, comments were accordingly sought from the Mumbai II. Shri Arvind Ghughe, Additional

Commissioner, Mumbai II informed that Schedule VIII of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 have prescribed the list of documents for import of metal scrap, including furnishing of acknowledged copy of Annual return filed with concerned State Pollution Control Board. The issue raised by the Association has been duly examined and it was found that RMS had issued instructions to verify an acknowledged copy of Annual Return filed with concerned SPCB for import in the last financial year. Accordingly, the examination order issued in the subject BE was in consonance with RMS instructions and Schedule VIII of Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

(ii) Accordingly, it was clarified that RMS had issued clear and specific instructions in the subject BE filed by the importer to verify an acknowledged copy of the Annual Return submitted to the concerned SPCB for imports made during the previous financial year. Furthermore, in light of Schedule VIII of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 the officer can verify the acknowledged copy of the annual return filed with concerned State Pollution Control Board for import in the last financial year.

5. The Convenor encouraged sectoral associations/ trade members to bring concerns to the NAC's attention, ensuring they would be deliberated upon for swift resolution. Reaffirming the Department's commitment to fostering a "Ease of Doing Business" environment. Following these remarks, the floor was opened for participants to present their issues.

6. As there were no points for discussion, the Convenor thanked all the participants for their valuable contributions and active participation. With these remarks, the meeting was formally concluded.

7. These minutes are issued with approval of the Convenor of NAC 4&4A (Metal Products).

S.Sathianarayanan  
ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER

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1. The Under Secretary, Customs IV, CBIC, New Delhi.
2. All Nodal Pr. Commissioner/Commissioner of NAC - 4 & 4A Metal Products;
3. The Joint Director, DGTS, Ahmedabad;
4. The Joint Director, NCTC, Mumbai.
5. All the Member Sectoral Association/Trade representative