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दिनांक 15/09/2026 को सम्पन्न 'स्थायी व्यापार सुविधा समिति' की बैठक का कार्यवृत्त

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER-2026 HELD ON 15/09/2026.

Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation (PTFC), Mundra was held on 15.09.2026 at 12:00 hrs at conference Hall, Custom House, Mundra under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitin Saini, Hon'ble Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Mundra;

2. The meeting was attended by the following representative of of the trade/Shipping Lines:

मसं./Sr. No.	नाम(सवी/सुी/ीमती) Names (Shri//Mrs.)	(संगठन/संघ/पदनाम) Organisation/Association
1	Bhaven Thacker	Manager of CFS Association
2	Prithviraj Singh Rathore	Secretary of MPSAA
3	Sudhesh Bola	Secretary of CFS Association
4	Sudipta Singha	Member of CWC/Speedy CFS
5	Navin Payan	Operation officer of CWC/Speedy CFS
6	Heet Thacker	Custom Broker of Narendra Logistics
7	Hitendra Gongara	Executive of Narendra Logistics
8	Prasad Raju	Executive of MSC
9	Kaushik Joshi	DGM of AP-SEZ
10	Kamlesh Jadeja	Manager of AP-SEZ
11	Atul Nayak	Dy. Manager of CWC
12	Udayam Memon	Sr. Manager of ONE
13	Sujit Naik	AGM of ONE
14	Daksh Bhambhani	Executive AML Agency
15	Rajesh Rajput	Executive AML Agency
16	Shivram Mishra	Agent of Tauras Shipping
17	Haresh Dadga	Operation Manager of Master Marine Services India Pvt. Ltd.

18	Dhaval Thacker	Sales Manager of Trans Lines Maritime Pvt. Ltd.

3. विभागकीओरसेनिम्नलिखितअधिकारियोंनेबैठकमेंभागलिया: -
Following Officers from the department attended the meeting: –

क्रमसं./ Sr.No.	नाम(सर्वश्री/सुश्री/श्रीमती) Names(Shri/Ms./Mrs.)	पदनाम Designation
1.	Dr. Rajesh Nagora	Addl. Commissioner, Customs
2.	Shri Amit Mishra	Addl. Commissioner, Customs
3	Shri Bandaru Balu Mahendra	Joint Commissioner, Customs
4	Shri Ajay Rumal Kharde	Dy. Commissioner, Customs
5	Ms. Anuja Anant Musale	Dy. Commissioner, Customs
6	Shri Ajoy Kumar	Assistant Commissioner, Customs
7	Shri Munish Rohtagi	Assistant Commissioner, Customs
8	Shri Sargiya Virendra Kumar	Assistant Commissioner, Customs
9	Shri Prakash B Modh	Assistant Commissioner, Customs
10	Shri Prem Kumar	Appraiser, AG Section
11	Shri Anil Kumar	Inspector, AG Section
12	Bhavesh Kanya	Additional Assistant Director, DGTS
12	Sanjay Vyas	Additional Assistant Director, DGTS

4. **Shipping Line केद्वाराउठायागयाकार्यबिन्दु /AGENDA POINTS RAISED BY SHIPPING LINE** :

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/**POINT No (i). Empty Container movement from ADANI Container Terminals to Customs Notified CFS**: Empty containers are required to be moved from Adani Container Terminals, a Customs-notified area, to the designated Customs-notified CFS facilities with the Customs permission. However, APSEZ and the Adani-operated container terminals have placed these containers on hold and detained them for more than 12 days. This prolonged detention is causing substantial commercial losses to our member shipping lines, restricting the availability of equipment for export shipments, and creating a risk that the containers may not be re-exported within the prescribed time frame. The resulting disruption is also adversely affecting India's export operations and may lead to a loss of national revenue. We therefore request the urgent intervention and guidance of Mundra Customs to advise APSEZ and the concerned Adani terminals to release the containers without further delay.

प्रतिक्रिया/**Response:** *The chair has taken up the matter of the "held-up" containers with APSEZ. APSEZ has informed that no such containers have been held up or detained by them and that containers are available for delivery, subject to payment of applicable charges of Rs.* ***2500/- per 20 f.t Container and Rs. 3500/- per 40 f.t Containers.***

Accordingly, it is requested to contact APSEZ and take delivery of the container

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/**POINT No. (ii) Empty Container movement from Adani Container Terminal to Empty Parks/Depots:** All Adani-operated container terminals have suspended the release of empty containers to shipping line/COA, citing the Mundra Customs advisory dated 21-08-2026 addressed to the Chief Executive Officers of APSEZ and MICT. While MICT continues to release such containers, the same practice is not being followed by the

other Adani-operated terminals. We therefore request Mundra Customs to clarify the scope and applicability of the advisory and issue suitable guidelines to facilitate the consistent and timely release of empty containers to the Shipping Lines or their nominated Transporters/CFS/Empty Parks/Depots

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: The chair stated that, the same has already been clarified in response to communication dated 21.08.2026 & 24.08.2026 issued by this office, which was already addressed to the Mundra Empty Park Association, Mundra, that this office has no connection with the issue of restriction/freezing of empty yard codes of empty container depots located outside the Port area, or with any direction for detention/withholding of empty containers at the terminal.

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/POINT No. (iii) National Container Bond: We seek guidance on the implementation date of the National Container Bond. Further, clarification is requested on how containers such as Third-Party (SOC) containers, one-way lease containers, and containers held by agencies will be considered under the automated bond Debit/Credit process.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: The chair stated that, National Container bond will be implemented when SCMTR provisions will be fully operational, as of now the date is 31.10.2026 in terms of the notification no. 73/2026 (N.T) dt. 01.09.2026. Further, in case of the Third-Party (SOC) containers, one-way lease containers, and containers held by agencies which are to be re-exported under provisions of the notification 104/94, the party will have to furnish a national continuity bond.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/POINT No. (iv): SCMTR Implementation and SAA/SDA Filing Issues: With reference to Public Notice No. 15/2026-27 dated 13-08-2026 regarding the Mandatory Filing of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR) and the permanent discontinuation of Supplementary IGM/EGM filings with effect from 12-08-2026, our members are attempting to file SAA/SDA declarations but have found that the ICEGATE system is not accepting the submissions. We request that Supplementary IGM/EGM filing through ICEGATE 1.5/2.0 be continued until the SCMTR system can accept SAA/SDA filings without delays or errors

प्रतिक्रिया/Response:.The chair has acknowledged the issue and further, directed to make a correspondence with the DG system and suitable action will be initiated, in this regard.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/POINT No.(v) Challenges in Filing of SAM/SAA/SEI/SDM/SDA/SDN: Shipping lines are encountering multiple challenges in filing SAM/SDM declarations, including technical issues that cannot be resolved at the local level moreover we are facing difficulties being delayed or inadequate support from ICEGATE. In view of the scheduled implementation of SCMTR for the export leg from 31-Oct-26, and to assist for Import leg already implemented, we request that a meeting be convened at the earliest between representatives of the shipping lines and the DG Systems/ICEGATE team to review all outstanding issues and ensure their timely resolution on priority.

We request, if a suitable Public Notice with a Standing Order listing the documents to be submitted and the procedure to be followed would be appreciated.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response:. The chair has acknowledged the issue and further, directed to make a correspondence with the DG system and suitable action will be initiated, in this regard

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/POINT No. (vi): Dedicated representatives from NIC, DG Systems, or ICEGATE be stationed at Mundra: Request that a dedicated representative from NIC, DG Systems, or ICEGATE be stationed or made regularly available at Mundra to provide technical assistance to shipping lines and Customs officers in resolving SCMTR-related issues. Considering the significant cargo volumes handled at Mundra among the highest across all Indian ports, local technical support is essential for the prompt resolution of system-related challenges and the smooth, uninterrupted functioning of trade operations.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response:. The chair has acknowledged the issue and sated that, the issues has been taken up with DG Systems and Saksham Seva to take further necessary action at their end.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/POINT No. (vii): **Destruction of Cargo Cases:** In cargo destruction cases, it is the responsibility of the Custodian to obtain the necessary permissions, complete the required formalities, and hand over the empty container to the Shipping Line. However, Exim Yard is not carrying out these activities and is instead asking Shipping Lines/Shipping Agents to complete them. As other CFS facilities are performing these tasks, we request your guidance on this matter.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response:. The Custodian shall be responsible for arranging the destruction process of the imported cargo through an authorized agency, obtaining requisite clearances and completing related formalities. Customs shall issue the necessary permission/NOC and witness for the destruction, wherever required, in accordance with Section 45 of the Customs Act, 1962 and the Disposal Manual. After destruction, the empty container shall be handed over to the concerned Shipping Line/Agent as per applicable arrangements.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/POINT No. (viii): - **Long-Idling Empty Containers**: Several containers that arrived as import laden units were subsequently found to be empty due to cargo mis declaration and have been lying at various CFS facilities for the past 4–5 years. Despite multiple representations submitted by us, no suitable resolution has been received. We request your guidance on this issue.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: The Chair has discussed on the said issue and further requested Shipping Line/ and their agent to submit the latest details of such empty containers to Disposal Section alongwith Container numbers and respective CFS, for review and necessary action by Customs.

(बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

कार्यबिन्दुसंख्या/POINT No. (ix): **Long-Idling Import Laden Containers Under Investigation**: There are Import laden containers that were held by authorities for investigation. The investigations have since been completed, and Mundra Customs has imposed penalties on the CHA, Importer, Forwarder, Notify Parties, and the Container Operating Agent (COA). In cases where the COA is willing to pay the penalty imposed on it, we seek clarification on whether the container can be de-stuffed and the empty container returned to the COA. Your guidance on this

matter is requested.

प्रतिक्रिया/Response: The Chair stated that answer to the query is dependent on the specific facts of the case and content of the containers. Hence, all such instances shall be examined individually on their own merits. Container Operating Agent (COA) were requested to submit their specific cases to the Customs House for resolution thereof.

बिन्दुसमाप्त/ Point Closed)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks with a welcome addressed by Shri Ajoy Kumar, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Customs House, Mundra, who greeted everyone present there.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair. Everyone appreciated the open, facilitative approach of the Customs Authorities.

This issues with approval of the Commissioner of Customs, Mundra.

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(Additional Commissioner of Customs)
Customs House, Mundra

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