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Minutes of meeting held on 13.11.2025 at 12:00 Hrs

Meeting of the Permanent Trade Facilitation (PTFC), Mundra was held on 13.11.2025 at 12:00 Hrs at Conference Hall, Custom House, Mundra under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitin Saini, Hon'ble Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Mundra.

2. The meeting was attended by the following representatives of the Trade/Terminal and Officers of the Commissionerate:

Representative from Terminal Operator/APSEZ:

1. Mr. Kaushik Joshi, DGM, Adani Ports & SEZ
2. Mr. Sachin Garg, AVP, Adani Ports & SEZ
3. Mr. Rudraksh Saxena, Manager, Adani Ports & SEZ

Representative of Mundra Customs Broker Association:

1. Mr.Pramod Soneta, Treasurer
2. Mr. Manoj Thakker, Secretary
3. Mr. Dinesh Gupta, President
3. Mr. Dhiren Chhaya, Proprietor, Akshat Shipping Logistics
4. Mr. Chetan Ramesh Thakkar, Narendra Logistics Pvt. Ltd.
5. Mr. Sunny Kochar, Aman Seatrans Pvt. Ltd.
6. Mr. Kirit N Patania, Assist. Manager,ACT Intraport
7.Mr. Hasmukh Chawda, Assist. Manager, U.M. Khona & CO.
8.Mr. Dilip Singh Chavda, Manager, Unnati Cargo

Representative of Shipping Line Association:

1. Mr.Mukesh Parmar, Manager, Parekh Marine
2. Mr.Tapas Kumar, Executive, Parekh Marine

Representative of Kandla Timber Association:

1. Mr.Navnit R. Gajjar, President
2. Mr.Hemchandra B. Yadav, Vice President

Officer of Directorate General of Taxpayer Services (DGTS), Ahmedabad Zonal Unit:

1. Manish Sonkar, AAD.
2. Subita, Inspector

Officers of the Customs Commissionerate, Mundra:

1. Shri Abhinav Gupta, Development Commissioner
2. Shri Amit Kumar Mishra, Additional Commissioner
3. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Nagora, Additional Commissioner
4. Shri Dipak Zala, Additional Commissioner
5. Shri Bandaru Balu Mahendra, Deputy Commissioner
6. Shri Ajay Rumal Kharde, Deputy Commissioner
7. Shri Lal Das, Deputy Commissioner
8. Shri Vikramaditya Meena, Deputy Commissioner
9. Shri Ajoy Kumar, Assistant Commissioner
10. Shri Virendra Kumar Sargiya, Assistant Commissioner
11. Shri Himanshu Chouhan, Appraiser, AG Section
12. Shri Ankur Sharma, Preventive Officer, AG Section
13. Shri Mohit Kathpalia, Preventive Officer, AG Section

3. The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Shri Bandaru Balu Mahendra, Deputy Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mundra, who greeted all participants and outlined the agenda for the deliberations. He emphasized the need for strengthened collaboration among stakeholders to enhance overall efficiency within the Customs ecosystem at Mundra.

4. Agenda Points Submitted by Mundra Customs Brokers' Association (MCBA)

Agenda Point 1: Request for Installation of an Additional Container Scanner and Mobile Scanner Facility at Mundra Port to Ensure Uninterrupted Scanning Operations and Smooth Cargo Clearance.

The existing scanners at Mundra Port remained non-functional for an extended period of approximately 15–20 days, resulting in significant disruption to both import and export clearances. During this downtime, the EXIM trade was required to undergo 100% physical examination of all consignments that would otherwise have been subjected to scanning-based risk assessment. This situation not only caused considerable delays and congestion within the port premises but also led to substantial financial and operational losses.

Reply of the Chairman:

The Chairman assured the trade that the proposal for an additional fixed scanner is already under consideration, and the requirement for deployment of a mobile scanner will also be examined. He further informed that preventive maintenance is conducted at predefined intervals (every three months) to ensure system reliability. Breakdowns are addressed promptly, with a designated maintenance engineer available on-site 24x7 throughout the year. Necessary spare parts, as per OEM recommendations, are also maintained on-site to minimize downtime.

[Action: Adani Port/CSD Section]

Agenda Point 2: Representation regarding repetitive scanning and 100 % examination of consignments despite clean track record.

It has been noticed that containers flagged for scanning are often again subjected to 100 % physical examination, even when no discrepancy, mis-declaration, or non-compliance has been found in prior shipments of the same importer of identical goods. Despite these containers having been examined thoroughly and found to be in full conformity with declared particulars, the same importer's future consignments continue to be systematically flagged for scanning and examination, without the presence of any new intelligence, alert, or risk factor.

Reply of Chairman:

The Chairman informed the trade that this matter pertains to NCTC and is outside the purview of this office. However in case of any difficulties trade representative should share specific instances which can be shared with NCTC for necessary action at their end.

[Action: Dock Examination Section]

5. Agenda Points Submitted by Kandla Timber Association

Agenda Point: Representation regarding difficulties faced in Timber Import Assessment under Faceless Assessment.

Under the current faceless assessment system, importers are facing considerable difficulties. During the assessment process, appraisers are frequently raising queries in the Bills of Entry (BOE)—copies of which have been provided for reference. Even after submission of all requisite documents, including the Proforma Invoice, Payment Proof, Certificate of Origin, Phytosanitary Certificate, and Commercial Invoice, the declared value is often enhanced (loaded) without clear justification.

Reply of the Chairman:

The Chairman clarified that matters related to faceless assessment fall outside the jurisdiction of this office and that the NAC (National Assessment Centres) meeting would be the appropriate platform to raise such issues. However, trade representatives were encouraged to share specific cases with the concerned sections so that these may be taken up during NAC meetings.

[Action: Import Assessment Section]

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

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

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ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER
Custom Commissionerate, Mundra

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5. All Officers of Custom House, Mundra
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7. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kutch,
8. Mundra Customs House Broker Association, Mundra,
9. Kandla Customs House Broker Association, Gandhidham,
10. Mundra Shipping Agent Association,
11. Container Freight Station Association, Mundra,
12. Container Corporation of India, Mundra,
13. M/s. Adani Logistics Ltd. APSEZ, Mundra,
14. Gandhidham Chamber of Commerce Industries, Gandhidham,
15. Kandla Timber Association, Gandhidham,
16. Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Rajkot,
17. Port Health Officer, Kandla,
18. Joint Director, CRCL, Kandla,
19. Plant Quarantine Officer, Mundra,
20. Regional Officer of Textile Commissioner, Ahmedabad.
21. Notice Board