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Minutes of the 20th Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) meeting held on 09.01.2026

The Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) was constituted vide Circular dated 07.01.2022. The 20th Meeting of the PTFC was held on 09th January, 2026 in hybrid mode. Smt. P. Vinitha Sekhar, Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru, chaired the PTFC meeting. The following officers/members attended the meeting:

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer/Members Shri/Smt./Ms.	Designation/Department/Organization
1	Biju Thomas	Additional Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
2	Madhusoodhana S. Bhat	Assistant Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
3	Rameshchandra M.	Assistant Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
4	Aravinda Raja	Assistant Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
5	A. Haridas	Assistant Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru
6	Santhosh Kumar K.	Superintendent of Customs, Docks
7	Shankar Babu Giddi	Superintendent of Customs, Custom House
8	Rahul Shukla	Superintendent, Export Assessment
9	Vikas Kumar	Superintendent, Technical
10	Ankit Dhuliya	Inspector, Import Assessment
11	Vishnu Divakar	Inspector, Technical
12	T. K. Sahu	Joint Commissioner, AQCS Bengaluru
13	H. S. Prakash	Assistant Director, DGTS Bengaluru Zonal Unit
14	Adarsh K.	Assistant DGFT, Bengaluru
15	Kumaresan Chandrasekar	Assistant Director, FSSAI Bengaluru
16	K. Rajendra Kumar	Traffic Manager, NMPA
17	K. B. Siddesh	Senior Manager, NMPA
18	Gulab Singh	PPO, PQS, Mangaluru
19	Philip C. C.	President, CHA Association
20	Ganesh Bhat	Secretary, CHA Association
21	Prasad C. G.	Alvares & Thomas
22	Vinod Kumar	AGM, JM BAXI
23	Jagannath Naik M.	Cargo In-charge, Mangalore Intl. Airport
24	Rakesh D. Poojary	Executive, MSC Agency (India) Pvt. Ltd.
25	Ashish Anchan	Deputy Manager, MSC Agency (India) Pvt. Ltd.
26	Nownith Kumar	Consultant, JSW Mangalore Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.

27	Karuthiruman	KASA India
28	Akash Kumar	Assistant Manager, HPCL
29	Kenchu Reddy	KASA India
30	Siyaram Yadav	Chief Manager (Finance), MRPL
31	Sudarshan Shettigar	Sri Ganesh Shipping Agency
32	Udaya Kumar	Parisons Foods Pvt. Ltd.
33	Shareef M.	Hasan Hajee & Co
34	Mohammed Valli	Hasan Hajee & Co
35	Ashutosh Patil	Bhavani Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd.
36	Priyadarshan Raj	Paradeep Phosphates Limited
37	Manohara M	MSC Agency (India) Pvt. Ltd.
38	Madhukara Shetty	Adani Power Limited

2. Shri. Biju Thomas, Additional Commissioner, Customs Commissionerate, Mangaluru, commenced the proceedings by welcoming all the members/participants.

3. Shri K. Rajendra Kumar, Traffic Manager, NMPA, referred to Public Notice No. 63/2025 issued by Chennai Customs, which aims to streamline procedures relating to Entry Inward, boarding of vessels, and commencement of cargo discharge. He requested that similar measures be implemented at Mangaluru Port to promote ease of doing business.

The Chairperson stated that a Public Notice in this regard will be issued during the coming week.

4. Further, Shri Rajendra Kumar informed that NMPA has received a representation from the District Small Industries Association, Udupi, requesting the establishment of a full-fledged Animal Quarantine Station at Mangaluru Port to facilitate exports. He also stated that NMPA has already addressed a letter to the Ministry of Animal Husbandry regarding this matter.

The Chairperson suggested that the representation be shared so that possible actions from the departmental side may be explored.

5. In this context, Dr. T. K. Sahu, Joint Commissioner, AQCS Bengaluru, stated that animal quarantine-related imports at Mangaluru Port have been minimal over the last six months. He further clarified that for setting up a quarantine station at Mangaluru Port, a representation needs to be made to the Trade Division of the Department of Animal Husbandry, headed by the Additional Secretary. Shri K. Rajendra Kumar clarified that the required representation had already been sent on the same day.

6. Regarding the third agenda item received from NMPA, i.e., setting up of a full-fledged FSSAI laboratory at Mangaluru Port, Shri Kumaresan Chandrasekar, Assistant Director, FSSAI Bengaluru, advised NMPA that a formal representation be sent to his office, which would then be forwarded to the Regional Director's Office and FSSAI Headquarters, New Delhi, for further consideration.

7. Under the fourth agenda item, Shri K. Rajendra Kumar raised the issue of implementation of the e-sealing facility for containers, and informed that NMPA had received a letter from JSW Mangalore Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd. (JSW-MCTPL) in

this regard. He proposed that, subject to approval of the Chairperson, a meeting be convened to finalize the rates and notify the same, enabling NMPA to establish the e-seal reader infrastructure and software integration.

In response, the Chairperson clarified that Customs would have no role in rate fixation, and that the matter needs to be finalized between NMPA and JSW-MCTPL.

8. Subsequently, Shri Philip C. C., President, CHA Association, elaborated on the agenda item raised by the Association regarding the levy of additional LoLo charges by an Empty Container Yard that has a contractual agreement with MSC Shipping for handling empty containers. He informed that with effect from 01.01.2026, charges of ₹500 for 20' containers and ₹1,000 for 40' containers are being collected as LoLo charges. He requested the Chairperson's intervention to stop the collection of such charges by third parties.

The Chairperson clarified that the matter being purely commercial in nature between the shipping line and the Customs Brokers, no departmental intervention is warranted.

9. No further agenda points were raised during the meeting.

10. These minutes are issued with the approval of the Chairperson.

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