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MINUTES OF THE PTFC MEETING HELD ON 20.06.2025 at 11:00HRS

The Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) meeting was held on 20.06.2025 at 11:00 HRS through video conference. The meeting was chaired by Shri A.Manimaran, Commissioner of Customs, Chennai-IV (Export) Commissionerate.

2. The following officers of Export Commissionerate and members of the trade attended the meeting:

- i. Shri Lakshmikantha D, Additional Commissioner
- ii. Shri Kishor S, Additional Commissioner
- iii. Shri Chavan Mahesh Dagdosaheb, Joint Commissioner
- iv. Shri Devanathan R, Deputy Commissioner
- v. Shri Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner
- vi. Shri Raja Mohammed, Assistant Commissioner
- vii. Smt. Jayalakshmi Veerasamy, Assistant Commissioner
- viii. Shri R Sunder, Assistant Commissioner
- ix. Shri S. Sriramamurthy, Assistant Commissioner
- x. Shri Saravanmoorthy J, Assistant Commissioner
- xi. Shri S. Pasumpon, Assistant Commissioner
- xii. Shri R. N. Sekar, President, CCBA
- xiii. Shri Natarajan, Secretary, CCBA
- xiv. Shri Y Leeladharan, Chairman, CHENSAA
- xv. Shri R. Kumar, Treasurer, CCBA
- xvi. Shri S. Sivashankar, CCBA
- xvii. Shri Sattva Padmanabhan, NACFS
- xviii. Smt. Selvanyagi, Joint Director, FIEO
- xix. Shri Satya, NACFS

3. Shri Kishor S, Additional Commissioner, extended a warm welcome to all the stakeholders and members who have gathered for the 3rd PTFC meeting of the current financial year 2025-2026 and commenced the meeting and with the permission of Shri A. Manimaran, Commissioner of Customs, he invited Shri Sekar, President of CCBA, to present the agenda point

FRESH POINTS RAISED FOR THIS PTFC MEETING

4. Agenda- 1:

EXPORT OF LEATHER GOODS: It is noticed that leather goods falling under HS Code 41, irrespective of whether AEO or ordinary exporters - all goods of said chapter allotted to Assessment to Appraiser, and none of these chapter bills are facilitated, we therefore requested to kindly take it up with DG System / NCTC to get the bills facilitated to have faster clearance.

4.1 Shri Sekar, President of CCBA, highlighted the ongoing issue with the export of leather goods classified under Chapter 41. He stated that prior to 2025, all such export consignments—whether through airport or seaport, and irrespective of the exporter's AEO status—were being sent for assessment. After the matter was taken up by CCBA, a few bills began receiving RMS facilitation at the assessment stage. However, by the end of April 2025, all bills under Chapter 41 were once again being routed to manual assessment.

4.2 The Commissioner of Customs inquired whether only Chapter 41 export bills were facing this issue, Shri Sekar confirmed this, upon which the Commissioner assured that after verification the matter if required be escalated to the National Customs Targeting Centre (NCTC) for resolution.

(Action to be taken – EDC Section)

5. Agenda - 2:

Stuffing report for the export goods moved from CFS (Mapped with IMAA1) to Adani Ennore/ KATTUPALLI port has to be done simultaneously as and when export ETP are completed to avoid EGM errors to claim export incentives.

5.1 The President CCBA stated that, as discussed in the previous PTFC meeting, there are shipping bills pending for 'Allow for Shipment' pertaining to goods moved from CFSs mapped to INMAA1 to Ennore and Kattupalli Ports. The CCBA has collected a list of such pending bills, and upon review, it was observed that some of these bills are pending due to the non-availability of stuffing reports.

5.2 The Commissioner of Customs enquired how such delays are occurring, as stuffing reports are generated by the concerned officers once the Let Export Order is granted. The CCBA President clarified that in most cases, the process is followed correctly—once LEO is obtained, the ETP process is completed by the officers, followed by the generation of the stuffing report. However, in a few cases, the stuffing report remains pending, leading to shipment delays.

5.3 The Commissioner of Customs when asked whether any circular or standing order exists governing this procedure, the CCBA President confirmed that an earlier circular had granted officers at CFSs mapped to INMAA1 access to file stuffing reports for Ennore and Kattupalli Ports, for the consignment where ETP was not involved. Further, he noted that the Commissionerate has issued a facility circular for adopting ETP process after LEO, for movements from INMAA1-mapped CFSs to Ennore and Kattupalli ports.

5.4 In response, the Commissioner directed the Docks Admin to monitor all pending stuffing reports. Shri Devanathan, Deputy Commissioner, acknowledged this and confirmed that Docks Admin will ensure compliance. The Commissioner also mentioned that, if necessary, a standing order could be issued to clarify the process for ETP-based stuffing reports for transshipments from INMAA1 CFSs to Ennore and Kattupalli ports.

5.5 Shri Padmanabhan, NACFS, added that a similar concern had been raised two months ago during a meeting with the Principal ADG. At that time, the Principal ADG had suggested that a mechanism could be developed by the policy section, including the possibility of assigning a separate stuffing role with login ID/code for Ennore and Kattupalli ports. This would allow shipping bills to be filed directly at Ennore or Kattupalli, instead of converting them from another port. He also proposed that a local notification could be issued to allocate three different port codes to the same CFS, as all three ports fall under the same Commissionerate.

5.6 The Commissioner responded that such arrangement of recognizing one CFS under three different ports would involve a policy-level decision. He asked whether this matter had been raised with DG Systems, to which Shri Sattva Padmanabhan, NACFS replied that DG Systems would require formal guidelines or a circular to implement the necessary codes.

5.7 The CCBA President added that this practice of port access was already in place earlier, where officers at INMAA1-mapped CFSs had direct access to handle Ennore and Kattupalli shipments. However, the transition to the ETP system over the past two years has altered this access.

5.8 Concluding the discussion, the Commissioner noted that the CCBA President's suggestion is a temporary solution, whereas the proposal by Shri Sattva Padmanabhan, NACFS is a permanent one, each with its own implementation challenges. He assured that both options would be studied further and will be taken up at the Board level. In the interim, a standing order

will be issued to ensure officers complete stuffing reports promptly to avoid backlogs and shipment delays.

(Action to be taken – Docks Admin)

6. As there were no further points raised for discussion, the meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair person.

**Additional Commissioner of Customs
Appraising Main
Export Commissionerate
Chennai Customs.**

To

1. **All the Stakeholders.**
2. **EDI with request to upload in Chennai Customs website.**