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CHENNAI CUSTOMS ZONE

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CUSTOM HOUSE, NO.60, RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI 600 001.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 132nd Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 29.04.2026 (Wednesday) at 04.00 PM through Virtual Mode. Shri S.K.Vimalanathan, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Zone, chaired the Meeting.

2. The following officials from Customs Department, PGAs and other Stakeholders attended the meeting:
S/Shri/Smt

- i. Istikhar Baig, Pr. Commissioner (Preventive)
- ii. Dr. Manjula D Hosmani, Commissioner (ACC / Airport)
- iii. Prasad Adelli, Commissioner (General / Import)
- iv. A.Manimaran, Commissioner (Export)
- v. Dr. A.V.T.Bharathidhasan, Commissioner (Audit)
- vi. Rajesh V Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
- vii. Dr. Mahesh Chavan, Joint Commissioner (Import)
- viii. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
- ix. P.R.Srinivasan, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
- x. G.Radha, Asst. Commissioner (Import)
- xi. Jones Ferling Raja, Asst. Commissioner
- xii. Assistant Commissioner (Gr.6)
- xiii. D.Dwarakanadha Reddy, AD, DGTS, CZU
- xiv. Amutha Chellappa, AD, NCTC (Cargo)
- xv. G. Sendhil Kumaran, Sr. DTM, Chennai Port Authority
- xvi. Port Health Officer, Chennai
- xvii. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
- xviii. Vivek Nair, GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
- xix. M.S.Shakul, DGM, CCTL - DP World
- xx. T.Prasad, DGM, CCTL - DP World
- xxi. Dr. P.Manavalan, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO
- xxii. Nitin M Jadhav, Asst. Drugs Controller (Import), CDSCO
- xxiii. Aswini Muthu, Drugs Inspector, CDSCO
- xxiv. Dr. P.Thamodaran, JC, AQCS

- xxv. AO, FSSAI, Seaport, Chennai
- xxvi. Mohan S M, DD, RPQS
- xxvii. BOI Sea Port
- xxviii. AAICLAS
- xxix. S.Natarajan, President, CCBA
- xxx. Divakaran Nair, Vice President, CCBA
- xxxi. C.V.Karunakaran, Vice President, CCBA
- xxxii. R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA
- xxxiii. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)
- xxxiv. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS-National Chapter
- xxxv. Unnikrishnan K, Jt. DG, FIEO, SR
- xxxvi. M S Selvanayagi, JD, FIEO.

3. Members of the following organizations did not participate in the Video Conference.

- a. BIS
- b. WCCB
- c. CRCL
- d. Textile Committee
- e. CITPL
- f. CONCOR-ICD, Tondiarpet (ICD/TNPM)
- g. TNPCB, Chennai
- h. CWC, DPE, Thiruvottiyur

4. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO) welcomed all and invited the Chairman to deliver the opening remarks. The Chairman warmly welcomed the Members and asked DC (CCO) to continue the proceedings. The DC (CCO) stated that the weekly CCFC meeting is being conducted as mandated by the Board and the agenda for this Meeting shall revolve around the prevailing global situation due to the ongoing Gulf crisis. The DC(CCO) further stated that no points have been received for discussion in today's meeting and invited the participants to raise specific points, if any.

5. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA, stated that as soon as the Board issued guidelines on BTT containers, the Chennai Customs geared up and cleared the Bills which were pending for nearly 20 days. However, since it took nearly a month to get clarification from Board, the Detention Charges and Storage Charges levied by Liners & CFSs respectively have mounted and requested Liners & CFSs to consider waiver of these charges on sympathetic grounds.

5.1 The Chairman elicited the views of NACFS & CHENSAA. Shri S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS, stated that he will get the details from CCBA and approach the respective CFSs and urge them to extend whatever assistance possible. The Chairman stated that there is an unforeseen crisis under *force majeure* clause and asked the Liners & CFSs to consider the request of importers and exporters sympathetically & reduce the charges. The Secretary, NACFS & the Chairman, CHENSAA assured that they will take up this issue with their Members and request them to reduce the charges

(Point Closed)

6. The Secretary, CCBA, stated that after issuance of detailed SOPs on BWC examination by both Air Cargo & Export Commissionerates, the pendency has come down drastically but around 100 Bills each at Sea Port & Air Cargo are still pending at the end of each day for examination. The Chairman stated that there is a definite improvement and the issue is being monitored closely and if there is any other way of ensuring faster clearance, the same will be studied and implemented.

(Point Closed)

7. Ms. M.S.Selvanayagi, JD, FIEO, thanked the Chairman for giving an appointment to discuss the problems faced by the Trade due to BWC examination especially the BTT LCL cargo and requested for the updates. The Chairman stated that the issue is being studied.

(Point Closed)

8. The Secretary, CCBA, stated that since the problems arising out of Gulf crisis has eased considerably, requested for taking up Policy issues in the weekly CCFC Meetings. The Chairman categorically stated that as per Board's mandate, only issues relating to Gulf Crisis shall be taken up for discussion in the Weekly CCFC Meetings.

(Point Closed)

9. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, DC (CCO) informed the House that the Weekly CCFC Meeting will be held on every Wednesday at 04.00 PM and requested all the Members to attend without fail. He also requested that the agenda points, if any, may be shared by 02.00 PM every Monday so that there could be fruitful discussion.

10. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Zone.

(Dr. VENUGOPALAN NAIR)

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