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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 121st Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 27.05.2025 (Tuesday) at 03.00 PM through Virtual Mode. Shri A.R.S.Kumar, Pr. 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, Principal Commissioner (Preventive)
- ii. Dr. M.G.Thamizh Valavan, Principal Commissioner (Airport / ACC)
- iii. A.Prasad, Commissioner (General)
- iv. Bidhan Chandra, Commissioner (Import)
- v. K.Veerabhadra Reddy, Commissioner (Audit)
- vi. D.Lakshmikantha, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
- vii. N.Madhusudhana Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
- viii. Kishor.S, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
- ix. Vignesh Sakthivel, Addl. Commissioner (Preventive)
- x. Bhaskara Rao Yenneti, Addl. Commissioner (Airport)
- xi. Dr.Mahesh Chavan, Joint Commissioner (Export)
- xii. S.Saraswathi, Joint Commissioner (Preventive)
- xiii. Shyam Sundar Reddy, Deputy Commissioner (Preventive)
- xiv. Dr.Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
- xv. P.R.Srinivasan, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
- xvi. P.Anbuchelvan, Asst. Commissioner (Import)
- xvii. M.Sriram Venkatesan, Asst. Commissioner (Import)
- xviii. S.Kirubanandasamy, Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Authority
- xix. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
- xx. R.Rajkumar, GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
- xxi. U.Ameer. M/s. Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
- xxii. M.S.Shakul, DGM, CCTL DP World
- xxiii. T.G.Prasad, DGM, CCTL DP World

- xxiv. Srinivasan, Manager, CITPL PSA Chennai
- xxv. A.Madhivanan, AD, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB)
- xxvi. G.Ashok, AD, Bureau of Immigration (BOI)
- xxvii. Dr.P.Manavalan, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO
- xxviii. Nitin M Jadhav, Asst. Drug Controller-Import (Sea), CDSCO
- xxix. Arun Pucchakayala, Joint Director, BIS
- xxx. S.Pandiyaraja, Joint Director, FSSAI
- xxxi. Mohan SM, RPQS
- xxxii. Naseer AS Basha, JGM, AAICLAS
- xxxiii. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
- xxxiv. R.Kumar, Vice President, CCBA
- xxxv. S.Natarajan, Secretary, CCBA
- xxxvi. Valarmathi, EC Member, CCBA
- xxxvii. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association
- xxxviii. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS-National Chapter
- xxxix. S.Sathyanarayanan, Chairman, NACFS-Chennai Chapter
 - xl. S.Kannan, Vice Chairman, NACFS-Chennai Chapter
 - xli. R.Rajakumari, Manager, CWC, DPE, Thiruvottiyur
 - xlii. Santhosh, Terminal Manager, CONCOR

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

- a. Textile Committee
- b. Port Health Officer
- c. CRCL
- d. Central Leather Research Institute
- e. AQCS
- f. TNPCB

4. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO) welcomed all and invited the Chairman, CCFC, to deliver the opening remarks.

4.1 The Chairman of CCFC – Shri A.R.S.Kumar, Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs, warmly welcomed the Members and highlighted the Trade Facilitation Measures adopted by Chennai Customs Zone which resulted in issuance of Notification. No.30/2025-Cus dt. 23.05.2025 vide which the condition requiring certificate from Horticulture Commissioner, for exports of Bangalore Rose Onion was removed and Notification No. 15/2025-26 (DGFT) dt. 26.05.2025 vide which Port Restrictions and Testing Requirements for Export of Finished Leather, Wet Blue Leather, EI Tanned Leather and Crust Leather was removed. The Chairman asked Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO) to continue the proceedings.

5. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO), made a brief presentation on the Public Notices and Facility Circulars issued during the last one month.

6. With the permission of the Chairman, the following fresh points raised were taken up for discussion.

Point No.MAA264:- DELAY IN ALLOWED FOR SHIPMENT OF EXPORTS AT KATTUPALLI / ENNORE PORT

7. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that for the Export Shipments which are moved from CFSs (mapped with Chennai Port-INMAA1) under Transshipment module to Kattupalli / Ennore Port, Officers at Gate are not giving Allowed For Shipment (AFS) in the System, and

many a times, AFS is given only after manual intervention which results in delay in getting incentive benefits like GST, RoDTEP, etc. as the EGM remains incomplete. As a temporary measure, terminals are collecting the details of such bills through mail but there is no fruitful result. Therefore, Shri Sekar suggested that similar to normal exports, for these Shipments also (moved under TSA) automation of Allowed for Shipment may be enabled in the System itself and till such time, officers have to be strictly sensitized to issue Allowed for Shipment immediately as and when container enters the port. He further stated that for DPE containers, the System is not insisting for AFS, similarly for export shipments moved under TSA also, the System should not insist for AFS, and this issue may please be taken up with DG Systems for incorporating necessary changes in the System.

7.1 The Chairman elicited the views of Principal Commissioner (Preventive). Shri Istikhar Baig, Principal Commissioner stated that when an export consignment is handled at a CFS which is not mapped to the Gateway Port, the movement of that container to the Gateway Port has to go through ETP module. The Principal Commissioner further stated that the POs posted at CFSs, are supposed to enter the Stuffing Report in the ETP module, only then it would move to the Officer posted at Terminal for giving AFS in the System. It has been observed that sometimes, there is malfunctioning of the ETP Module as a result the Preventive Officers at the CFS are unable to make entry in the module. In such cases, the container moves with a manual endorsement. In such cases, the entry does not appear in the system for the P.O at the Gate to make AFS entry in the system. However, the Principal Commissioner informed that presently, the pendency at their end is 'nil' and on approaching Export Commissionerate, they informed that around 2000 SBs are pending at their end and will be cleared within 2-3 days and once that happens, Preventive Commissionerate will liquidate the entire pendency within a day. The Principal Commissioner (Preventive) finally stated that the issue will be taken up with DG Systems for mapping of CFSs to Gateway Ports.

7.2 To the Chairman's query as to why manual intervention is resorted to instead of CFS officers directly entering the stuffing report in the System then and there, Shri D.Lakshmikantha, Addl. Commissioner (Export) stated that the details of SBs forwarded by CCBA were verified and almost for all SBs, the Stuffing Report was given on the same day of LEO. The Addl. Commissioner (Export) further stated that they were unaware of 2000 SBs mentioned in the preceding paragraph and will take stock of the same and liquidate them.

7.3 The Chairman queried as to unless there is a technical glitch, why at all this manual intervention is resorted to at CFSs and Terminals which results in piling up of pendency and queried as to whether it is due to the failure of the CFS officers or exertion of pressure from CBs. The Chairman asked the Addl. Commissioner (Export) to instruct the CFS officers to share the screen-shots whenever there is a technical glitch and requested the President, CCBA, to infuse a sense of discipline among CBs as they usually pressurize the CFS officers to give manual permission stating that the shipment has to move urgently and subsequently entry can be made in the System. The Chairman categorically stated that this tendency should be avoided both by the Officers and CBs. The Chairman further stated that everyone is initially concerned only with an immediate solution to problem but finally the exporter is suffering in not getting the incentives. The Chairman asked both the Addl. Commissioner (Export) and the Principal Commissioner (Preventive) to liquidate pendencies immediately. The Chairman stated that everyone's endeavour must be to provide problem-free environment for the Trade and the CFS officers must enter the Stuffing Report in the System immediately so that it automatically moves to the screen of Officers at Port for giving AFS in the System. The Chairman asked the Addl. Commissioner (Export) to ensure that this piling up of pendency does not arise in future. The Chairman asked

the President, CCBA, to share the list of pending SBs with both Export and Preventive Commissionerates so that the entire pendency is wiped out.

**[Action: Addl. Commissioner (Export) / Principal Commissioner (Preventive) / CCBA]
(Point Closed)**

Point No. MAA265:- NON-RECEIPT OF FINAL ASSESSMENT OF B/E

8. The President, CCBA, stated that when provisionally assessed Bills of Entry are finalized, hard copy of finally assessed Bs/E are not transmitted to the registered mail id of the importers / Custom Brokers. At present, trade is forced to approach EDI section for taking hard copy of the finally assessed B/E. Therefore, he suggested that this issue may be taken up with DG System to enable receiving the hard copy of the finally assessed B/E to the registered ICEGATE Mail ID of Importers/CB.

8.1 Commissioner (General), Shri A.Prasad, Commissioner stated that the issue has been examined and found that it is not the case with all provisionally assessed BEs and it is happening only in respect of a few Bs/E. He assured that the issue would be escalated to DG Systems for an early solution.

8.2 The Chairman stated even though the problem is noticed in case of few Bs/E, the Commissioner (General) to take it up with DG (Systems) with urgency.

**[Action: Commissioner (General)
(Point Closed)]**

Point No. MAA266:- SAFEGUARD DUTY

9. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that as per the Notification No. 01/2025-Customs-SG issued by the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) / Department of Revenue, safeguard duty is applicable only to specific steel products falling under defined parameters and price thresholds. He further stated that the System is charging Safeguard Duty even in the case where Import Price on CIF Basis is higher than the one mentioned in the Notification. Further, as this change has not been incorporated in the System, such bills of entries have to be recalled and reassessed every time, which is time consuming and resulting in delays. He requested to take up this issue with DG System to enable calculation of actual Safe Guard duty as per the notification by the System itself.

9.1 Shri A.Prasad, Commissioner (General) stated that this is a pan India issue which requires intervention by DG Systems. The Commissioner further stated that negative list of the commodities are mentioned with reference to description and not with reference to CTH and the System does not have the parameter to mention to read CIF value and decide whether the goods attract safeguard duty. The Commissioner further stated that the issue has been taken up with DG Systems and TRU, for correcting the software glitches and for getting the CTH for the negative list, respectively. The Commissioner stated that DG (Systems) is seized of the matter and as and when the patch is received, the CIF value issue will be resolved but for the issue relating to description, we would have to wait for some more time.

9.2 The Chairman felt that DG Systems is the appropriate authority to incorporate the changes in the System and assured that the issue would be taken up at the appropriate forum.

9.3 Shri Bidhan Chandra, Commissioner (Import) stated that even though the value calculated by the System is more than the value mentioned in the Notification, still the BE has to be recalled because the Safeguard duty is levied by the System itself. The Commissioner further stated that even if the issue is flagged to DG Systems, the System may not be able to read the 'value field' as to how much is the declared value and compare the same with Notification value. The Commissioner further stated that the situation will be tricky if the Notification amends the value, etc. for which the System has to read the value, compare the same and then take a decision whether to levy the duty or not.

9.4 The Chairman asked both the Commissioners (General) and (Import) to make a reference to the CCO so that the issue can be taken up with DG Systems. The Chairman further stated that till DG Systems resolves the issue by incorporating necessary changes in the System, the importers should not be charged interest.

[Action: Commissioners (General) / (Import)]
(Point Closed)

10. The Chairman concluded the Meeting by thanking all the Members.

11. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Pr. Chief Commissioner of Customs.

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(With a request to upload the minutes of the meeting in the Chennai Custom House website).

The Sr.P.S to the Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Chennai Zone.

