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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**

**चेन्नै सीमा शुल्क क्षेत्र
CHENNAI CUSTOMS ZONE**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 124th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 20.08.2025 (Wednesday) at 03.30 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

1. A.Prasad, Commissioner (General)
2. Bidhan Chandra, Commissioner (Import)
3. A.Manimaran, Commissioner (Export)
4. Dr.A.V.T.Bharathidhasan, Commissioner (Audit)
5. N.Sankaranarayanan, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
6. D.S.Sangeetha, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
7. Kishor S, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
8. Rajesh Vithalrao Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
9. Tej Kumar M S, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
10. Gopi Dhonthireddy, Addl. Commissioner (Audit)
11. N.Madhusudhana Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
12. Y.Srinivasa Rao, Addl. Commissioner (Prev.)
13. Vignesh Sakthivel, Addl. Commissioner (Prev.)
14. Dr.Mahesh Chavan, Joint Commissioner (Export)
15. S.Saraswathi, Joint Commissioner (Preventive)
16. Dr.Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
17. D.Dwarakanadha Reddy, AD, DGTS, CZU
18. S.Kirubanandasamy, Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Authority

19. G.Sendhil Kumaran, Sr. Deputy Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Authority
20. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
21. R.Rajkumar, GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
22. M.S.Shakul, DGM, CCTL DP World
23. T.Prasad, DGM, CCTL DP World
24. P.Srinivasan, Dy. Manager, CITPL PSA
25. Dr. P.Manavalan, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO
26. Nitin M Jadhav, Asst. Drug Controller-Import (Sea), CDSCO
27. Aswini Muthu, Drugs Inspector, CDSCO
28. S.D.Dayanand, Head, BIS, CNBO
29. Dr. Subhash Kumar, JD, RPQS
30. S.Pandiyaraja, Joint Director, FSSAI
31. R.Ilayaraja, Manager, AAICLAS
32. K.Bhaskaran, QAO, Textiles Committee
33. Muni Reddy, Immigration Officer, BOI
34. R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA
35. S.S.Sivashankar, Customs Committee Head, CCBA
36. Ananth Sairam, PRO, CCBA
37. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association
38. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS-National Chapter
39. S.Kannan, Vice Chairman, NACFS-Chennai Chapter
40. R.Rajakumari, Manager, CWC, DPE, Thiruvottiyur
41. G.Udhayakumar, JCEE (M), TNPCB
42. E.Chandrasekar, AEE, TNPCB
43. Pynthamil Selvi, AE, TNPCB
44. Venkatasamy, AE, TNPC

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

1. AQCS
2. CRCL
3. PHO
4. CONCOR
5. WCCB

4. Shri Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO) welcomed all the members and informed that the Chairman of CCFC, is superannuating by the end of this month and expressed his gratitude towards the Chairman's great sense of responsibility and alacrity in conducting the CCFC Meetings. The DC(CCO) invited the Chairman, CCFC, to deliver the opening remarks.

4.1 The Chairman of CCFC warmly welcomed the Members and stated that it was an enriching experience for him in conducting the CCFC Meetings as many issues were resolved through fruitful discussions in this forum. The Chairman further shared the observation of Member (Customs) made during the Hon'ble Finance Minister's Conclave held in June, 2025. He further informed the members that Chennai Customs Zone is one of the Zones which conducts CCFC and PTFC meetings regularly without fail. The Chairman

further placed on record his appreciation to the CCBA for releasing a Compendium of Minutes of CCFC and PTFC meetings held in the last three years. He asked CCBA to share the soft copy of the compendium with all the stakeholders. The Chairman then asked Shri Rajesh V Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) to continue with the proceedings.

5. Shri Rajesh V Shelke, Additional Commissioner (CCO) started by reiterating that this will be the last CCFC meeting chaired by the Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs before his superannuation by the end of this month and thanked him for conducting the meeting regularly and placed on record the efforts taken by the Chairman to find solution for all the issues raised in the CCFC Meetings. The Addl. Commissioner then proceeded to make a brief presentation on the various Public Notices and Facility Circulars issued during the last one month, for the benefit of all the members.

6. On conclusion of the presentation, with the permission of the Chairman, the following fresh points raised were taken up for discussion.

Point No.MAA273:- Discontinuation of Service Centre and Introduction of Web Forms

7. Shri R.N. Sekar, President, CCBA brought to the notice of the Chairman that the Web forms are currently not fully functional for Imports and that the web forms are still not available for Shipping Bills. He further stated that after the discontinuation of Service Centre, the trade was facing difficulties in carrying out amendments, IGM regularization and other Service Centre functionalities. Therefore, he requested to depute an officer and give the access for all such Service Centre functionalities till the entire online facilities are restored.

7.1 The Chairman stated that as soon as the communication from DG Systems on discontinuation of Service Centre was received, both Commissioner (General) and Pr. Commissioner (ACC) made arrangements by assigning the Service Centre roles to staff posted in EDI and Inspectors (POs) posted in the CFSs. The Chairman requested Commissioner (General), Commissioner (Export) and the Addl. Commissioner (ACC) in charge of EDI to elaborate further.

7.2 Shri A. Prasad, Commissioner (General) informed that 5 EAs / TAs have already been deployed at the Service Centre, and that Inspectors (Preventive Officers) posted at CFS and ICDs have also been assigned with the necessary roles related to Service Centre work. He further stated that the Service Centre is currently functioning and supporting importers/exporters.

7.3 The Commissioner (Export) stated that Inspectors (POs) at CFSs have been assigned the roles of Service Centre. Regarding amendments of Shipping Bills, the Commissioner (Export) stated that on enquiry with ICEGATE, it was informed that the said functionality was undergoing testing and that it would be launched shortly; that ICEGATE further informed that all the Web Forms are working fine and that successful results are being shown on a daily basis in most of the cases. The Commissioner (Export) urged all the members to use the Web Forms to the fullest extent.

7.4 Shri N. Sankaranarayanan, Addl. Commissioner (ACC) stated that the requisite Officers in EDI have been mapped with Service Centre Applications and are performing the amendments in the ICES, as and when requested by the Customs Brokers. He further stated that the names and contact details of the officers will also be displayed at the

entrance of EDI for the convenience of Trade.

(Point Closed)

Point No. MAA274:- Delay in getting IGST and other incentives due to EGM error

8. The President, CCBA informed that EGM errors are posing a challenge to the trade due to backlog in entering "Allowed for Shipment" report and also on account of pending stuffing reports in the system. The President, CCBA further informed that whenever there is delay in entering "Stuffing Report" and "Allowed for Shipment", the same are being taken up with Export Commissionerate and Preventive Commissionerate respectively and the issues are attended to immediately. He requested to appoint a nodal officer with necessary common id to reduce the pendency in entering Allowed For Shipment.

8.1 The Chairman stated that the point on appointment of nodal officer, is well made.

8.2 On being asked for his views by Chairman, the Commissioner (Export) stated that "Stuffing Report" has to be given on the same day the stuffing is done but sometimes the officers are not able to enter the "Stuffing Report" due to system issues, which are negligible. The Commissioner (Export) further stated that in the list shared by CCBA, only one Shipping Bill was pending for "Stuffing Report" and that the "Stuffing Report" was entered immediately. He further assured that Export Commissionerate is ready to handhold the CCBA in solving such issues.

8.3 The Chairman further stated that 'Allowed for Shipment' was entered for all the Shipping Bills shared by CCBA except for 43 Shipping Bills, which are pending on account of errors such as 'Invalid SB No. & Date', 'SB Date Not Mentioned', etc. The Chairman further informed that the Principal Commissioner (Preventive) appointed Shri Shyam Sundar Reddy, DC (Preventive) as the Nodal Officer for handling such issues. The officer can be approached with necessary details of pendency in entering 'Allowed For Shipment' for early resolution by Preventive Commissionerate.

8.4 As regards, Export Commissionerate, Commissioner (Export) informed that Shri R. Devanathan, DC (Docks) would be the nodal officer for resolution of such issues.

(Point Closed)

Point No. MAA275:- Safeguard Duty on certain Steel Products

9. Shri R.N. Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that Safeguard Duty was introduced vide Notification No. 01/2025-Customs (SG) dated 21.04.2025 on the import of 'Non-Alloy and Alloy Steel Flat Products' falling under tariff heading 72; and that the duty was not getting correctly calculated in the system. He further informed that this matter was already escalated in the CCFC meeting held earlier and a letter was issued from Chief Commissioner's office to DG Systems for necessary rectification. However, the issue is still not rectified and that bills of entry are being re-called and re-assessed. He requested the Chairman to take up the issue once again with DG Systems to avoid delays of such bills of entry.

9.1 The Chairman stated that apart from addressing a letter to DG Systems, the matter was simultaneously taken up with Member (Tax Policy), CBIC, also. The Member (Tax Policy) enquired as to how this notification has been worded differently when compared to

other Notifications on Anti-dumping Duty (ADD) and asked how this issue is being addressed at field level. The Chairman stated that the Member (Tax Policy) was informed that for the time being, the bills of entry are recalled and reassessed to overcome the issue. The Chairman further stated that the issue needs to be sorted out between the Department of Revenue and DG Systems and as the Member (Tax Policy) is seized of the issue, the same will be resolved at the earliest by way of amendment of Notification.

(Point Closed)

10. The Members wished the Chairman on his superannuation by the end of this month.

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

12. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

Rajesh V Shelke
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ADDL. COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (CCO)

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The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (EDI), Custom House, Chennai

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