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

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 126th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 23.12.2025 (Tuesday) at 11.30 AM through Virtual Mode. Shri Istikhar Baig, Principal 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 / Import)
2. Dr.A.V.T. Bharathidhasan, Commissioner (Audit)
3. D. Lakshmikantha, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
4. Tej Kumar, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
5. Rajesh Vithalrao Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
6. Gopi Dhonthireddy, Addl. Commissioner (Audit)
7. N. Madhusudhana Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
8. Y. Srinivasa Rao, Addl. Commissioner (Prev.)
9. Dr .Mahesh Chavan, Joint Commissioner (Export)
10. S .Saraswathi, Joint Commissioner (Preventive)
11. Shubhdeep Kaur, Joint Commissioner (ACC)
12. P.R. Srinivasan, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
13. D. Dwarakanadha Reddy, AD, DGTS, CZU
14. Jayalakshmi Veerasamy, Asst. Commissioner (Export)
15. V.P. Vinod Kumar, Asst. Commissioner (Import)
16. K. Thambidurai, Chemical Examiner Gr.I, CRCL
17. C. Yaadhav Dheepan, Deputy Director, Chennai Port Authority
18. Port Health Officer (PHO), Chennai
19. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.

20. U.Ameer, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
21. M.S.Shakul, DGM, CCTL DP World
22. T.Prasad, DGM, CCTL DP World
23. Dr. P.Manavalan, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO
24. Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS), CNBO
25. Dr. Subhash Kumar, Joint Director, RPQS, Chennai
26. S.Pandiyaraja, Joint Director, FSSAI
27. Ilayaraja, AAICLAS
28. Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Chennai Seaport
29. Santhi Muthuswami Pillai, Wildlife Inspector, WCCB
30. S.Nataraja, President, CCBA
31. C.V.Karunakaran, Vice President, CCBA
32. R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA
33. R.Kumar, Treasurer, CCBA
34. S.S.Sivashankar, Customs Committee Head, CCBA
35. Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)
36. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS-National Chapter
37. S.Kannan, Vice-Chairman, NACFS, Chennai Chapter
38. CONCOR ICD, Tondiarpet (ICD/TNPM)
39. O/o JCEE(M), TNPCB, Chennai

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

1. CWC, DPE, Thiruvottiyur
2. PSA CITPL
3. Textile Committee

4. Shri Rajesh V Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) welcomed all the Members. The Addl. Commissioner (CCO) informed the members that the Pr. Chief Commissioner who is supposed to Chair the meeting was not available due his engagement in the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Meeting. He further informed that the meeting would be chaired by Shri Istikhar Baig, Pr. Commissioner of Customs (Preventive) and he welcomed him to the meeting. The Chairman asked Addl. Commissioner (CCO) to continue the proceedings.

4.1 The Addl. Commissioner (CCO) stated that no formal agenda points have been sponsored by the field formations / members for the meeting. With the permission of the Chair, he proceeded to make a brief presentation on the Public Notices and Facility Circulars issued during the last two months.

4.2 Next, the Addl. Commissioner (CCO) touched upon about the **National Time Release Study, 2026**, being conducted by CBIC from **1st January 2026 to 7th January 2026** and explained about the methodology about how the cargo in relation to the Bill of Entry and Shipping Bill filed during the said period through selective ports including **INMAA1** and **INMAA4** would be tracked from the date of filing till their final release. He informed that Nodal Officers have been nominated for INMAA1 and INMAA4 for conducting the said study and that Public Notices are being issued for benefit of the trade. He requested the CCBA to sensitize their members and the importers / exporters to ensure speedy clearances by presenting the goods for examination, timely payment of duty

and answering of queries in time. As any delay would impact the dwell time, he requested the CBs / Trade to bring difficulties faced, if any, to the notice of the Commissioners concerned, for early redressal.

5. As no points were received for the agenda, with the permission of the Chairman, participants were invited to raise points, if any.

Point No.MAA278:- Non-functioning of the Drive Through Container Scanner (DTCS) System at Chennai Port

6. Shri R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA, stated that the Drive Through Container Scanner (DTCS) has been non-operational for some time, which is causing delay in cargo clearance. This DTCS is used by both the Terminals i.e. CCTL & CITPL. He expressed concern that prolonged non-availability of the scanning facility may lead to accumulation of containers at the port, resulting in congestion and detention charges for importers. The Secretary, CCBA requested the Customs authorities to resolve the technical issue at the earliest on priority basis. Further, he has also requested that an alternate container scanning system may be made available at Chennai Port to ensure continuity of scanning operations in case the DTCS becomes non-functional due to technical glitches, as presently DTCS is the only scanning system available at Chennai Port for examination of import containers.

6.1 The Chairman asked for the views of Export Commissionerate. Shri D.Lakshmikantha, Addl. Commissioner (Export) stated that the Drive Through Container Scanner (DTCS) at Chennai Port was temporarily non-operational from 20th December 2025 due to technical failure in the system. The malfunction occurred due to damage to high voltage protection diodes inside the Pulse Forming Network (PFN) of the Linear Accelerator (LINAC) system. Upon identification of the fault, the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) M/s. Rapiscan Systems Pvt. Ltd. was immediately directed to resolve the issue on priority and restore the scanning operations at the earliest.

6.2 The Addl. Commissioner (Export) further stated that the OEM arranged spare parts from their other installation at Mumbai on 22nd December 2025 and that Engineers were being deputed from Coimbatore and Hyderabad to attend to the breakdown and carry out necessary repairs on 23rd and 24th December 2025. He further stated that the issue will be resolved and normalcy would be restored by 24th December 2025.

6.3 With regard to the request for installation of an alternate scanning system at Chennai Port, it was informed that the Department of Logistics has already awarded a contract to M/s. Rapiscan Systems Pvt. Ltd. for installation and commissioning of a new Mobile X-ray Container Scanner at Chennai Port. AERB procurement permission for importing the scanner has been obtained. M/s. Rapiscan has, vide letter dated 11th December 2025 informed that the new Mobile X-ray Scanner is expected to be commissioned by March 2026. Once this additional scanner becomes operational, Chennai Port will have two scanning systems, which will provide alternate scanning facility and ensure business continuity even in case of breakdown of one system.

(Action: Export Commissionerate)

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

8. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

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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)