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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**

**चेन्नै सीमा शुल्क क्षेत्र
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 129th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 08.04.2026 (Wednesday) at 04.00 PM through Virtual Mode. Shri Madan Mohan Singh, Principal 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. Dr. Manjula D Hosmani, Commissioner (ACC / Airport)
2. Prasad Adelli, Commissioner (General / Import)
3. A.Manimaran, Commissioner (Export)
4. D.Lakshmikantha, Commissioner (In-situ) [Export] / [CCO]
5. Saraswathi.S, Addl. Commissioner (Preventive)
6. Shubhdeep Kaur, Joint Commissioner, ACC
7. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
8. D.Dwarakanadha Reddy, AD, DGTS, CZU
9. Romeo Albuquerque, AD, NCTC (Cargo)
10. G. Sendhil Kumaran, Sr. DTM, Chennai Port Authority
11. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
12. U.Ameer, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
13. M.S.Shakul, DGM, CCTL - DP World
14. T.Prasad, DGM, CCTL – DP World
15. Nitin M Jadhav, Asst. Drugs Controller (Import), CDSCO
16. AO, FSSAI, Seaport, Chennai
17. Bureau of Immigration (BOI), Chennai
18. S.Nataraja, President, CCBA
19. Divakaran Nair, Vice President, CCBA
20. C.V.Karunakaran, Vice President, CCBA
21. R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA
22. R.Kumar, Treasurer, CCBA

23. S.Sivashankar, CCBA Customs Committee
24. Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)
25. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS-National Chapter
26. S.Sathyanarayanan, Chairman, NACFS – Chennai Chapter
27. Manager, CONCOR-ICD, Tondiarpet (ICD/TNPM)
28. CWC, DPE, Thiruvottiyur
29. Baskaran K, QAO, Textile Committee
30. Unnikrishnan K, Jt. DG, FIEO

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

- a. AAICLAS
- b. BIS
- c. WCCB
- d. CRCL
- e. CITPL
- f. AQCS
- g. RPQS

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.

4.1 With the permission of the Chairman, the following pending points raised in the previous meeting, were taken up for discussion.

Point No. MAA 280:- CONTAINERS DISCHARGED AT FOREIGN PORTS LIKE COLOMBO AND RETURNED TO CHENNAI

5. The Secretary, CCBA, stated that Export containers destined for other Ports from Chennai have been offloaded en-route at Colombo Transshipment Hub due to vessel cancellations and route diversions as a result of ongoing geo-political situation at Gulf region. In such cases, the Department is treating the return of goods as re-import and insists for filing BE resulting in following lengthy procedures and processing. He requested for proper guidelines be issued in this regard.

5.1 Dr. Venugopalan Nair, DC (CCO) stated that the CCBA's concern is that there is no clarity on how to clear these containers as they are offloaded at different Port other than the destination Port and Board's Circular No. 09/2026-Cus. has not covered this scenario.

5.2 The Chairman stated that this issue has been taken up with the Board and he had also appraised Member (Customs) on this issue when he met him on 06.04.2026 and asked the Secretary, CCBA, to wait for clarification from Board.

(Point Closed)

Point No. MAA 282:- CONTAINERS LYING AT PORT / CFS - DEMURRAGE

BURDEN.

6. The Secretary, CCBA, stated that containers are lying un-cleared at Ports and CFSs due to the Gulf crisis leading to heavy demurrage and container detention charges, which are beyond the control of exporters. It is requested that all the Ports, Liners, and CFSs may issue an advisory to waive storage and detention charges on this account. Customs intervention is highly appreciated in this regard.

6.1 On being asked for the views of Preventive Commissionerate, Smt. S.Saraswathi, ADC (Preventive) stated that she had spoken to Shri Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, CHENSAA and asked him to share his views. Shri Y.Leeladharan, stated that ADC Preventive had spoken to him and he was also trying to contact Secretary, CCBA, and in the meanwhile, he had a discussion with some members of CHENSAA on this issue. The outcome of the discussion is that the number of containers returning is very minimal and when Chennai & Ennore Port authorities are giving waiver of charges, the Liners do not charge anything further except the freight rates and hence there may not be much impact on this issue as far as Liners are concerned. The Secretary, CCBA, clarified that CHENSAA is imposing detention charges on containers returning from international waters which are entirely different from waiver of charges by Port Authorities. The Secretary, CCBA, stated that he will have further discussion with CHENSAA on this issue and revert.

6.2 The Chairman stated that as far as this issue is concerned, the CCBA and CHENSAA should be on the same page and CHENSAA's effort should be purposive and more meaningful. The Chairman further stated that if needed, Customs will also play a vital role on this issue to help the Exporters.

(Point Closed)

7 . Dr. Venugopalan Nair, DC (CCO) informed the House that there are no more items listed on the agenda. He further stated that this 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 in advance at least by Monday so that there could be fruitful discussion.

8. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

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