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**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**

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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 138<sup>th</sup> Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC - Regular) meeting was held on 05.06.2026 (Friday) 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

1. Prasad Adelli, Commissioner (General)
2. A.Manimaran, Commissioner (Audit)
3. Dr. Periasamy M, Commissioner (Preventive)
4. C.Thiyagarajan, Commissioner (Airport)
5. N.Naresh, Commissioner (Import)
6. Vishal Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Export)
7. Rajesh V Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
8. Y.Srinivasa Rao, Addl. Commissioner (ACC)
9. S.Saraswathi, Addl. Commissioner (Preventive)
10. Dr. Mahesh Chavan, Joint Commissioner (Import)
11. Shubhdeep Kaur, Joint Commissioner (ACC)
12. P.R.Srinivasan, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
13. Ravi Bhushan, AD, NCTC (Cargo)
14. Dr.Murugan Mourugaram, ADD, NCTC (Cargo)
15. D.Dwarakanadha Reddy, AD, DGTS, CZU
16. Jennifer, AD, Chennai Port Authority
17. PHO, Chennai

18. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
19. Vivek Nair, GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
20. Prakash, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
21. M.S.Shakul, DGM, CCTL - DP World
22. T.Prasad, DGM, CCTL - DP World
23. Srinivasan, Manager, CITPL - PSA
24. S.Pandiyaraja, AO, FSSAI
25. Dr. P.Manavalan, DDC (I), CDSCO
26. G.Reka, Asst. Drugs Controller (Import), CDSCO
27. Aswini Muthu, Drugs Inspector, CDSCO
28. Doki Adimallaiah, Wildlife Inspector, WCCB
29. Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Chennai
30. R.Sundari, QAO / Officer in Charge, Textile Committee
31. Bureau of Immigration
32. S.Natarajan, President, CCBA
33. Divakaran Nair, Vice President, CCBA
34. R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA
35. R.Kumar, Treasurer, CCBA
36. S.Sivashankar, CCBA Customs Committee
37. Ananth Sairam, PRO, CCBA
38. Y. Leeladharan, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)
39. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS - National Chapter
40. S.Kannan, Vice Chairman, NACFS - Chennai Chapter
41. V.Bharathi Ganesh, Asst. Officer, CONCOR-ICD, Tondiarpet (ICD/TNPM)
42. O/o JCEE (M), TNPCB, Chennai

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

1. CRCL
2. AAICLAS
3. BIS
4. FIEO
5. AQCS

4. Shri Rajesh V Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) welcomed all the Members and invited the Chairman, CCFC, to deliver the opening remarks. The Chairman of CCFC - Shri S.K.Vimalanathan, Chief Commissioner of Customs, warmly welcomed all and asked Shri Rajesh V Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) to continue the proceedings.

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

**Point No.MAA279:- Collection of Port Storage and Shifting Charges**

## for DPD Containers Directly by Chennai Port Terminals

6. Shri R.N.Sekar, President, CCBA, stated that Port Storage Charges and Shifting Charges, wherever applicable, are charges payable to the terminal operators. However, at present, these charges are being collected by Shipping Lines and subsequently remitted to the terminals, resulting in additional procedural requirements and delays. Further, during holidays and after office hours, Shipping Lines are not operational, whereas the terminals function round the clock. If these charges are collected directly by the terminals, it would enable uninterrupted payment processing and avoid delays in cargo clearance during holidays and late-hour clearances.

6.1 The President, CCBA, therefore, requested that Chennai Port terminals (CCTL and CITPL) implement a system for direct collection of these charges from the Importer/CB, similar to the practice followed at Ennore and Kattupalli terminals. He further stated that this will facilitate 24x7 payment of charges, enable seamless clearance of DPD containers even during holidays, reduce dwell time, and improve trade facilitation. The Secretary, CCBA, further stated that the issue was discussed in the earlier CCFC meetings, wherein both terminal operators had agreed to implement the facility. However, the same is yet to be operationalized. The terminals may be requested to expedite implementation in the interest of Ease of Doing Business and faster cargo clearance.

6.2 Shri M.S.Shakul, DGM, CCTL-DP World informed the Chairman that in so far as the Storage / Other Related Charges was concerned, the same is being collected through the Shipping Line. He further stated that to change the existing practice, they require written consent from the Shipping Lines. He also added that the Terminals need to develop a system for which cost is involved and transaction charges will also be applicable.

6.3 To the Chairman's query about the practice being followed at Kattupalli and Ennore Terminals, Shri Vivek Nair, GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd. stated that for the last two years, they are collecting the Storage / Other Related Charges directly from the consignee without any objection from the Steamer Liners.

6.4 The Chairman was of the opinion that the stakeholders cannot be forced to adopt two different practices between Kattupalli / Ennore Terminals and CCTL / CITPL Terminals. The Chairman was of the view that both CCTL & CITPL should replicate the method followed at Kattupalli & Ennore Terminals, particularly in the light of no-objection from the Shipping Lines to this practice. The Chairman categorically stated that Ports within the same Zone adopting **divergent** practices would defeat the very purpose of **One Nation One Port (ONOP)** concept. He therefore questioned the merit as to why written consent from Shipping Line is required, when the Terminals are directly charging the consignees. He directed DP World (CCTL) and PSA Chennai (CITPL) to adopt the same practice as is being followed at the other two terminals viz., Kattupalli & Ennore Terminals. In addition, the Chairman directed Commissioner (Preventive) to take up the issue with Chennai Port Authority in writing, for getting the issue resolved quickly.

**[Action: Commissioner (Preventive) / CCTL / CITPL]**

**(Point Closed)**

**Point No.MAA 280:- Marking of Samples to Textile Committee, Chennai Regional Laboratory**

7. Smt. R.Sundari, QAO / Officer In-Charge, Textile Committee stated that recently, under SWIFT 2.0, Textile Committee Import Clearance System Software has been launched by the Textile Committee with Lab Code ALTCMAA1. But samples are not marked to Textile Committee through SWIFT 2.0 even though more than 2000 samples are visible in SWIFT 2.0. It was requested to mark the samples to Textile Committee, Chennai Laboratory which is a dedicated PGA under SWIFT 2.0.

7.1 Shri Vishal Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Export) stated that as per Board's Circular No. 46/2020-Customs dated 15.10.2020, CRCL is the default Laboratory to which all the samples have to be sent and hence, the samples of Textile items are not being sent to Textile Committee Lab. He further stated that in the ICES, the samples are being marked to both CRCL as well as Textiles Committee.

7.2 The Chairman felt that in ICES, the Test Memo may be forwarded to two Labs simultaneously, whereas samples might be sent for testing to CRCL only and hence in Textile Committee Portal, the Test Memos are shown to be pending for testing. The Chairman stated that this may be due to a System issue which needs to be fixed by the Directorate of Systems. He directed Commissioner (General & EDI) to take up the matter with DG Systems for immediate resolution.

**[Action: Commissioner (General & EDI)]**

**(Point Closed)**

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

9. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

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**(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)*