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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 140th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 17.06.2026 (Wednesday) 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. Dr. Manjula D Hosmani, Commissioner (ACC)
2. Prasad Adelli, Commissioner (General)
3. A.Manimaran, Commissioner (Audit)
4. Dr. Periasamy M, Commissioner (Preventive)
5. C.Thiyagarajan, Commissioner (Airport)
6. Vishal Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Export)
7. Rajesh V Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO)
8. N.Madhusudhana Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
9. S.Saraswathi, Addl. Commissioner (Preventive)
10. K.S.Ramesh Bharathi, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
11. J.Dinesh Raj, Joint Commissioner (Export)
12. Radhika Venugopalan, Joint Commissioner (ACC)
13. K.Thambidurai, Chemical Examiner Gr.I, CRCL
14. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
15. D.Dwarakanadha Reddy, AD, DGTS, CZU
16. G.Sendhil Kumaran, Sr. DTM, Chennai Port Authority

17. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
18. Vivek Nair, GM, Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
19. T.Prasad, DGM, CCTL – DP World
20. S.Pandiyaraja, AO, FSSAI
21. Dr. P.Manavalan, DDC (I), CDSCO
22. G.Reka, Asst. Drugs Controller (Import), CDSCO
23. Aswini Muthu, Drugs Inspector, CDSCO
24. Mohan SM, DD, Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Chennai
25. Hitesh Yadav, BIS
26. Bureau of Immigration, Seaport, Chennai
27. AAICLAS, Chennai
28. S.Natarajan, President, CCBA
29. Divakaran Nair, Vice President, CCBA
30. C.V.Karunakaran, Vice President, CCBA
31. R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA
32. R.Kumar, Treasurer, CCBA
33. Ananth Sairam, PRO, CCBA
34. Y. Leeladharan, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)
35. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS – National Chapter
36. S.Kannan, Vice Chairman, NACFS – Chennai Chapter
37. M.S.Selvanayagi, JD, FIEO, SR
38. Asst. Manager, CONCOR-ICD, Tondiarpet (ICD/TNPM)
39. O/o JCEE (M), TNPCB, Chennai
40. Nagaraj, Interim GS, SICA

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

1. AQCS
2. CITPL – PSA
3. WCCB
4. Textile Committee

4. Shri Rajesh V Shelke, Addl. Commissioner (CCO) welcomed all and stated that 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. The Addl. Commissioner (CCO) invited the Chairman to deliver the opening remarks. The Chairman warmly welcomed the Members and asked ADC (CCO) to continue the proceedings.

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

BTT - Submission of Affected Shipment Details - Detention & Demurrage Impact (Consol agents)

6. Shri Nagaraj, Interim General Secretary, Southern India Consolidators Association (SICA) stated that shipments of consolidators and logistics service providers have been affected due to disruptions in vessel schedules and

transit delays arising from the Strait of Hormuz situation. He further stated that the affected shipments have incurred substantial detention and demurrage charges despite the delays being beyond the control of importers, exporters, and consolidators.

6.1 Shri Vishal Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Export) stated that the issue relates to LCL containers which gets covered under two periods – (i) from the date of closure of Strait of Hormuz to the date of issuance of the Board's Circular and (ii) from the date of issuance of Board's circular till the clearance of goods. The Commissioner (Export) further stated that SICA is seeking waiver of detention and demurrage charges for the whole period mentioned above at (i) & (ii) and none of the Board's Circulars cover this situation.

6.2 The Chairman stated that this issue falls within the purview of the Custodians and Liners. The Chairman recalled the Weekly CCFC Meeting held on 29.04.2026 wherein both the Chairman, CHENSAA and the Secretary, NACFS – National Chapter, assured that they will request their Members to reduce the container detention charges and CFS storage charges respectively, for the Back To Town (BTT) shipments. The Chairman once again requested CHENSAA and NACFS to consider the request of the SICA favourably and asked both Chairman, CHENSAA & Secretary, NACFS, to get the list of claims of exporters from SICA and waive the detention charges and ground rent

6.3 Shri S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS, stated that he had gone through the point raised by SICA and confirmed that Triway CFS had waived the charges totally and Kailash CFS had waived nearly 80% of the charges (out of Rs.3,40,000 only Rs.40,000 charged). Shri Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, CHENSAA, stated that this issue has been taken up with their members and they have also confirmed having reduced the container detention charges to maximum extent possible. Shri Y.Leeladharan further stated that he had gone through the point raised by SICA and forwarded the same to their Members. The Chairman, CHENSAA further informed that Sea Horse Liner had waived 24 days of detention charges and charged for 3 days only and in respect of other Liners, he had requested them to do the needful.

6.4 The Chairman informed Shri Nagaraj that there should not be any grievance at SICA as both the Shipping Lines & CFSs have waived the charges.

6.5 Shri Nagaraj of SICA stated that the Triway CFS reversed the charges after conclusion of the last Weekly CCFC Meeting on 10.06.2026 whereas just now he has heard from his CHA that Kailash CFS is charging from the date of arrival of container i.e. Rs.1.5 Lakhs for one LCL shipment and he has asked for the Invoice. As far as waiver of detention charges by Liners is concerned, SICA is requesting them to charge from 12.05.2026 (the date on which PN was issued by Export Commissionerate) whereas they are charging from March onwards.

6.6 The Chairman stated that both the CHENSAA and NACFS have been requested to waive the charges to maximum extent possible and they have also assured to do the needful.

(Point Closed)

Request from FIEO for Facilitation of Re-export of Back to Town Cargo of M/s Gimpex Pvt. Ltd. lying at Customs Bonded warehouse

7. Ms. M.S.Selvanayagi, JD, FIEO, stated that a representation has been received from M/s Gimpex Pvt. Ltd. regarding a consignment of 1,080 MTs of Baryte Powder (4.20 SG) exported from Chennai on 02.03.2026 under valid Shipping Bills and in compliance with the prevailing export regulations. Due to unforeseen force majeure circumstances arising from the recent **US-Iran hostilities**, the cargo could not be discharged at the destination port and has been returned to Chennai. The containers are presently lying at the CFS and now shipping lines are ready to take back and deliver.

7.1 The JD, FIEO, further stated that procedural difficulties have arisen in re-exporting the cargo, as it is being treated as a fresh export transaction. It is submitted that the goods were duly exported prior to the issuance of DGFT Notification No. 12/2026-27 dated 17.04.2026, placing the product under restricted category and their return is solely due to circumstances beyond the exporter's control. The goods remain identifiable with the original export documents and have not entered DTA.

7.2 Considering the exceptional nature of the case, the JD, FIEO, requested to facilitate re-export of the returned cargo based on the original export documentation and permit expeditious processing of the case without treating it as a fresh export transaction, subject to necessary verification. Early resolution would help the exporter avoid substantial demurrage, detention, and storage charges and enable timely re-shipment of the cargo.

7.3 The Chairman stated that this issue comes under the jurisdiction of DGFT and Customs cannot unilaterally arrive at a decision. The Chairman further stated that the exporter has to file a fresh SB for re-export but once it is done, the DGFT Notification No. 12/2026-27 dated 17.04.2026 bringing the item under restricted category will come into effect and Customs cannot process the export shipment as the item falls under restricted category. The Chairman asked the FIEO to advise the exporter either to apply for a fresh license or get a clarification from DGFT.

(Point Closed)

8. The Chairman stated that Chennai Customs Zone is appearing at the bottom of the table in the usage of SCMTR as many of the Liners, Consolidators, Freight Forwarders & other stakeholders are not using the new SCMTR. The Chairman further stated that on 30.06.2026, the IGM Portal shall be closed and the stakeholders will be forced to use the new SCMTR portal from 01.07.2026. The Chairman further informed that if any Liner / Consolidators / Freight Forwarders who have not used the new SCMTR portal so far and from July onwards if they start using the new SCMTR portal and encounter difficulties, the Customs Department may not be able to help them out. Hence, the Chairman requested Shri Y.Leeladharan, Chairman, CHENSAA to advise their Members to start using only the new SCMTR.

8.1 The Interim General Secretary, SICA, stated that Consol Agents are facing difficulties in new SCMTR and he has taken screenshots of the same and will be submitting to Customs.

8.2 The Chairman, CHENSAA, stated that their Members and Consolidators had a meeting with Smt. S.Saraswathi Addl. Commissioner of Customs (Preventive) wherein the issue of difficulties faced by the Consolidators in generating PCIN Number was discussed. Since in one container they have 4 to 5 consignments to ICD due to which the Consolidators are not able to file the Manifest and provide the details in new SCMTR. He further stated that the Consolidators have been advised to approach DG Systems for any technical glitch and also approach the Nodal Officer for SCMTR at Chennai Customs for any clarification.

8.3 Smt. S.Saraswathi, Addl. Commissioner (Preventive) assured that the issue shall be studied in detail and resolved.

8.4 The Chairman asked the Interim GS, SICA, to send a detailed mail directly to Commissioner (Preventive) and Addl. Commissioner (Preventive) on the difficulties faced by the Consol Agents in new SCMTR. The Chairman asked the Commissioner (Preventive) to look into this issue immediately as the deadline of 30.06.2026 is fast approaching.

[Action: Commissioner (Preventive) / ADC (Preventive) / SICA]

(Point Closed)

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

9.1 The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

