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**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS**

**चेन्नै सीमा शुल्क क्षेत्र**  
**CHENNAI CUSTOMS ZONE**

**सीमा शुल्क भवन, नं.60, राजाजी सालै, चेन्नै-600 001.**

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

06-07-2026

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 01.07.2026 (Wednesday) at 04.00 PM through Virtual Mode. Dr. Manjula D Hosmani, Commissioner of Customs (ACC), Chennai Zone, chaired the Meeting.

2. The following officials from Customs Department, PGAs and other Stakeholders attended the meeting:

S/Shri/Smt

1. N.Madhusudhana Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Preventive) / (CCO)
2. Addl. Commissioner (Export)
3. Dinesh Raj J, Joint Commissioner (Export)
4. Joint Commissioner (Import)
5. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
6. AD, DGTS, CZU
7. NCTC, Mumbai
8. G.Sendhil Kumaran, Sr. DTM, Chennai Port Authority
9. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
10. T.Prasad, DGM, CCTL – DP World
11. Sivakumar, CCTL – DP World
12. Dr. P.Manavalan, DDC (I), CDSCO
13. G.Reka, Asst. Drugs Controller (Import), CDSCO
14. Aswini Muthu, Drugs Inspector, CDSCO
15. Divakaran Nair, Vice President, CCBA
16. C.V.Karunakaran, Vice President, CCBA
17. R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA
18. R.Kumar, Treasurer, CCBA
19. S.Sivashankar, CCBA Customs Committee
20. Y. Leeladharan, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)

21. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS – National Chapter
22. Sathyanarayanan, Chairman, NACFS – Chennai Chapter
23. Asst. Manager, CONCOR-ICD, Tondiarpet (ICD/TNPM)
24. CWC, DPE, Thiruvottiyur
25. O/o JCEE(M), TNPCB, Chennai
26. Nagaraj C, General Secretary, Southern India Consolidators Assn.

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

1. CRCL
2. FSSAI
3. AQCS
4. RPQS
5. CITPL
6. AAICLAS
7. BIS
8. WCCB
9. Bureau of Immigration
10. Textile Committee
11. Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
12. FIEO

4. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy 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 Dy. Commissioner (CCO) informed that as the Chief Commissioner has to participate in the GST Day Celebration, Commissioner (ACC) would chair the Meeting and requested Dr. Manjula D Hosmani, Commissioner (ACC) to Chair the Meeting and deliver the opening remarks. The Chairperson welcomed the participants and asked the Dy. Commissioner (CCO) to continue the proceedings.

5. The Dy. Commissioner (CCO) informed that for today's Weekly CCFC Meeting, a point regarding container detention charges which was already raised by SICA and discussed during the weekly CCFC Meeting held on 17.06.2026 wherein Chairman, CHENSAA, stated that the issue has already been taken up with their Members and they have also confirmed having reduced the container detention charges to the maximum extent possible, is once again being raised by SICA in today's meeting

6. On being asked to elaborate the point, Shri Nagaraj C, General Secretary, South Indian Consolidators Association (SICA), raised concerns about charges levied by Liners before the issuance of public notice dated 12.05.2026 by Export Commissionerate leaving the trade with substantial charges despite the delays being entirely beyond the control of importers, exporters and consolidators. He further stated that while a few shipping lines have extended limited additional free days, the relief was not sufficient to offset the actual delays suffered. The GS, SICA, stated that the relief extended by certain liners was discretionary and inconsistent, with no uniform approach adopted across the industry, resulting in unequal treatment of similarly affected shipments. He concluded stating that even though significant payments had already been made to Liners, few issues still remain unresolved.

7. On being asked for his views, the Chairman, CHENSAA, stated that maximum charges have been waived with extended free periods and discounts by the Liners namely Seahorse Ship

Agency, Unifeeder Agencies India & RCL Feeder but some containers still not returned, impacting operational costs. The Chairman, CHENSAA gave a brief detail as follows:

**a) Seahorse Ship Agency Pvt.Ltd.**

1. The consignee was granted 24 days free time to clear the cargo and return the empty containers to the depot. The consignee completed the return of the empty container only on the 27<sup>th</sup> day and hence was charged the detention charges for 3 days, DO validation extension charges and terminal storage charges as per actuals.

**b) Unifeeder Agencies India Pvt.Ltd.**

The Customer (EMU Lines) was given 14 days Liquidated Damages (LD) waiver from the date of Landing at Kattupalli and also to mitigate the situation and to help the Customer, further 20% Liquidated Damages (LD) waiver was given which works out to USD 1572.

The details are as under:

- Date of Landing at Kattupalli: 21/03/2026
- Free days Ending date : 03/04/26
- Empty drop date: 20/05/26

The Customer took 47 days to clear the BTT shipment and return Empty Box, so the LD charged after giving 20% waiver was USD 6288.

**c) RCL Feeder Pte.Ltd.**

The Consignee was given 47 days free time for subject shipment and out of 4 containers only 3 containers have been returned empty to the Depot whereas 1 container is still lying with the consignee unreturned. For the 3 containers returned, after the extension of free time, detention charges were charged only for 11 days.

8. The Chairman, CHENSAA, stated that their member shipping lines did their best to waive the detention charges to maximum extent possible for their Customers as a very special case by absorbing huge losses into their account.

9. To a query from Chairperson as to why the empty containers were not returned, the General Secretary, SICA, stated that as data is not readily available with him, will seek details from CHENSAA. The Chairperson asked both SICA and CHENSAA to sit together, discuss and resolve the issue amicably.

**[Action: SICA / CHENSAA]**

**(Point closed)**

10. The Deputy Commissioner (CCO) asked the Members to send the points, if any, well in advance by Friday so that there could be fruitful discussion.

11. The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

This issues with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs (ACC), Chennai Zone.

**(डॉ.वेणुगोपालन नायर)**

**(Dr. VENUGOPALAN NAIR)**  
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**DEPUTY 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)*