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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 143rd Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting was held on 08.07.2026 (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. Prasad Adelli, Commissioner (General)
2. A.Manimaran, Commissioner (Audit)
3. Dr. Periasamy M, Commissioner (Preventive)
4. N.Naresh, Commissioner (Import)
5. Vishal Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Export)
6. N.Madhusudhana Reddy, Addl. Commissioner (Preventive)
7. S.Saraswathi, Addl. Commissioner (Import)
8. Vanashree H, Addl. Commissioner (Export)
9. J.Dineshraj, Joint Commissioner (Export)
10. Saranya C, Joint Commissioner (Export)
11. Shubhdeep Kaur, Joint Commissioner (ACC)
12. Joint Commissioner (Import)
13. Dr. Venugopalan Nair, Deputy Commissioner (CCO)
14. Assistant Director, DGTS, CZU
15. Asif Jamal, AD, NCTC (Cargo)
16. K.Thambidurai, Chemical Examiner Gr.I, CRCL
17. G.Sendhil Kumaran, Sr.DTM, Chennai Port Authority
18. Om Pragesh, Chief Manager (Traffic), Kamarajar Port Ltd.
19. Srinivasan, Manager, CITPL
20. G.Reka, Asst. Drugs Controller (I), CDSCO

21. Pandiyaraja S, JD, FSSAI
22. Mohan SM, DD, Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Chennai
23. Bureau of Immigration, Chennai Sea Port
24. R.N.Sekar, Secretary, CCBA
25. Divakaran Nair, Vice President, CCBA
26. S.Sivashankar, CCBA Customs Committee
27. S.Padmanabhan, Secretary, NACFS – National Chapter
28. Krishnan, Chennai & Ennore Ports Steamer Agents Association (CHENSAA)
29. M S Selvanayagi, JD, FIEO
- 30.Asst. Manager, CONCOR-ICD, Tondiarpet (ICD/TNPM)
- 31.Nagaraj C, General Secretary, Southern India Consolidators Assn.
- 32.O/o JCEE(M), Chennai Zone, TNPCB

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

1. AQCS
2. CCTL
3. AAICLAS
4. BIS
5. WCCB
6. Textile Committee
7. Adani Kattupalli Port Ltd.
8. CWC, DPE, Thiruvottiur

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 Deputy Commissioner (CCO) invited the Chairman to deliver the opening remarks. The Chairman warmly welcomed the members and asked the Deputy Commissioner (CCO) to continue the proceedings.

5. The Deputy Commissioner (CCO) informed that for today's Weekly CCFC Meeting also, the same trend continues as no points were sponsored by any Member. With the permission of the Chairman, the participants were invited to raise points, if any.

5.1 Shri Nagaraj C, General Secretary, Southern India Consolidators Association (SICA) stated that as suggested by the Chairperson in the last Weekly CCFC Meeting held on 01.07.2026 that SICA and CHENSAA should sit together, discuss and resolve the issue of container detention charges amicably, SICA had sent a detailed mail on pending issues to CHENSAA and awaiting for response.

5.2 Shri Krishnan of CHENSAA, had stated that the suggestion put forth by the Chairperson in the last Weekly CCFC Meeting held on 01.07.2026 had been shared with their Members. Shri Krishnan reiterated the submissions made by Chairman, CHENSAA, in the last Weekly CCFC Meeting held on 01.07.2026 and further 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. Shri Krishnan stressed the importance of understanding the costs incurred by Liners due to Gulf Crisis and asked SICA to encourage their Members to negotiate directly with the concerned Liner for possible concessions.

5.3 The Deputy Commissioner (CCO) stated that Export Commissionerate had issued a letter

dt. 03.07.2026 to the Liners and Custodians stating that in the weekly CCFC Meetings, the challenges faced by the export community due to the Gulf crisis, were deliberated upon and CHENSAA and NACFS had informed in the Meetings that they shall adopt a lenient and collaborative approach to support the trade during this unprecedented crisis. The afore-mentioned letter further states that all the representations received from the affected exporters and trade stakeholders have been forwarded to the concerned Liners & Custodians, for necessary action at their end.

5.4 The Deputy Commissioner (CCO) stated that from Customs side, all possible measures have been taken to ease the difficulties faced by exporters due to Gulf crisis and asked the General Secretary, SICA, to advise its Members to approach the individual Liners directly for possible concessions. The Deputy Commissioner (CCO) further stated that as the issue had been resolved from Customs side, this point shall be treated as closed once for all as far as this forum is concerned.

(Point Closed)

6. The Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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

(डॉ.वेणुगोपालन नायर)
(Dr. VENUGOPALAN NAIR)
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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (CCO)

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