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MINUTES OF THE CCFC MEETING HELD ON 02.03.2026 at 15.00 Hrs.

Meeting of the Custom Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) was held on 02.03.2026 at 15:00 hrs at the Conference Hall, Tiruchirappalli Customs (Preventive) Zone, Trichy in hybrid mode, for the convenience of the trade, under the Chairmanship of Shri S.K. Vimalanathan, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Tiruchirappalli (Preventive) zone.

2. The CCFC meeting was attended by the officers of the Tiruchirappalli (Preventive) Zone & other trade/taxpayer members/stakeholders under the Jurisdiction of the Zone and the details of the participants who attended the meeting are attached vide Annexure-A.

3 . Shri. G.V. Pandiyaraj, Joint Commissioner, CCO, Tiruchirappalli welcomed all the attendees. The following points put forth by the trade were taken up for discussion.

POINTS RAISED BY SHRI L. CECIL MACHADO, PRESIDENT, TUTICORIN CUSTOMS BROKER ASSOCIATION.

1. (i) Delay in Release of BG/LUT for the EODC completed EPCG/DEEC License: -

There is an abnormal delay in cancellation of BG/LUT by the

EPCG/DEEC monitoring section. The cancellation is done after verification of all records DGFT issues the EODC Letter for Cancellation of LUT/BG. We are again submitting the same set of documents which has been submitted to DGFT as insisted by the section and the cancellation process is so cumbersome that the importers have to wait for months together for cancellation of LUT/BG and get it back. In other locations the process of cancellation is done online. In this regard we submit herewith the Board Circular No F. No. 605/71/2015-DBK DT 02/12/2015 specifying the time limit for cancellation of Bond and Bank Guarantee. We request your good self to kindly facilitate the trade by speedy cancellation of Bond /BG.

Reply: - Chief Commissioner instructed the Commissioner to look into the above issue and direct the concerned officers to promptly attend the work relating to release of LUT/BG on receipt of EODC from DGFT. Chief Commissioner also opined that after receipt of EODC, there is no need to seek for other documents (viz. copies of SB etc.) once again. It was also directed to share the list of the pending licenses for which release of LUT/BG has been requested by the authorization holders to CCO, Tiruchirappalli.

(Action: ADC In charge, Tuticorin Customs Commissionerate)

(ii) Issues Related to Scanning: -

a) Percentage of Scanning.

The percentage of containers selected for scanning has increased and also the percentage of scanned containers marked either 100% examination or marked area examination is high and all the report is Difference in Density.

Reply: - Containers are selected by CSM for scanning and there is no manual intervention. Further, the containers are scanned as per SOP dated 24.03.2025 issued by the Custom House, Tuticorin. Further, the Chief Commissioner mentioned that more scanning of containers may be due to more number of risk parameters introduced in the system.

The Commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin stated that marking of the containers to be scanned is the pure discretion of the scanning officers.

However, the Chief Commissioner emphasized that facilitation and checks have to be undertaken by officers in a balanced manner. In general,

the NCTC only puts the targets. It has to be verified whether the local Risk Manager has added any targets and if so, the results of local targets need to be reviewed. Chief Commissioner also instructed the officers not to mark the containers for scanning indiscriminately. Further, directed the Tuticorin Commissionerate to undertake study in respect of the number of suspicious container scanned and report its outcome with number of offence cases booked.

(Action: ADC in-charge, Tuticorin Customs Commissionerate)

b) Frequent Scanning of Import Containers for same IEC and Commodity.

Now Scanning is generated for import consignment of a same IEC and commodity frequently and also marked for examination by Scanning Division. We request to kindly review the above issues and give suitable instructions to CSD officers so that there will be no need for RMS facilitated Bills of Entry directed to CFS for examination and clearance.

Reply: - The Chief Commissioner informed that scanning is also based on sensitive nature of the commodity. As a result, if sensitive commodity is imported even by the same importer repetitively, the container will be duly scanned each time, as a precautionary measure.

(iii) RoDTEP/IGST Refund amounts scrolled but not released: -

The scroll relating to RoDTEP/IGST Refunds in respect of many Shipping Bills pertaining to different exporters have been generated but the same could not be released to them. and exporters / CB have received the status message as "*Permanent cancellation by PAO for the transaction*". It is requested that RoDTEP/IGST Refund amounts may please be scrolled out to the concerned exporters.

Reply: - It is ascertained that issue is on account of a technical glitch. It must be ensured whether the issue can be resolved locally. The issue may be immediately be taken up with ICES helpdesk for immediate resolution. The details of this technical issue may also be reported to CCO immediately for taking up with DG Systems by CCO. Matter most urgent.

(Action: System Manager, Tuticorin Customs Commissionerate)

2. Email IDs of employees to be made possible for ICEGATE login.

We have created and registered email ID and phone no of an employee for

our company Xomox Sanmar Limited, Viralimalai, in ICEGATE login. This person has left the organization and we plan to update using “update email and mobile” option. If this option is clicked, persons who are registered in GST portal are only shown. The persons shown in GST portal are those who take care of GST matters and not involved in Customs matters. BOE, SBs, OTP, monthly changing of password, etc needs to be obtained on regular basis and it is better that it is available with the person who deals with Customs on daily basis.

Reply: - It has been ascertained that this issue which has arisen on account of a technical glitch is also a PAN India Issue. The matter which has already been taken note of by the Commissionerate, will be escalated to the ICEGATE at the earliest for prompt resolution.

(Action: System Manager, Trichy Customs Commissionerate)

Shri G.V. Pandiyaraj, Joint Commissioner, CCO, Tiruchirappalli thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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The Joint Secretary (Customs),
CBIC, North Block, New Delhi.

Copy to:

1. All the Stakeholders through Zonal Website.
2. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (EDI), CC(P) Zone, Tiruchirappalli.
(With a request to upload the Minutes of the Meeting in the Tiruchirappalli Preventive Zone Website).