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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CCFC MEETING HELD ON 16.04.2026 at 15.30 Hrs.

In compliance with the Board's instructions, a special weekly CCFC meeting was conducted on 16.04.2026 at 15:30 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 representatives of the Officers of the Tiruchirappalli (Preventive) Zone & other members/stake holders under the Jurisdiction of Zone and the details of the same are attached vide Annexure-A.

3. Shri. G.V. Pandiyaraj, Joint Commissioner, CCO, Tiruchirappalli welcomed all the attendees.

4. In this regard, the following agenda points were raised during special CCFC Meeting for discussion as detailed below:

Points raised by the Tuticorin Customs Brokers Association (TCBA):-

1. Review of Prevailing Global Situation (Gulf Region Conflict) – Return of Containers and Repayment of RoDTEP.

Shri L. Cecil Machado, President, TCBA, thanked the Chairman for raising their issue with the CBIC which resulted in the issue of Circular No. 21/2026-Customs. He stated that a few exporters were reluctant to pay back the exports benefits processed but not credited to their accounts. However, although some exporters are ready to repay the export benefits of Duty Drawback claimed by them in respect of 'back to town returned export cargo,' they face the following difficulties in repayment of the RoDTEP benefit:-

(i). The amount is scrolled out and shipping bill is in History, but not credited into the exporter's account and;

(ii). The RoDTEP is not scrolled.

In addition to the above, a few exporters are refusing to pay back the RoDTEP benefits as it was not credited to their accounts even after grant of Let Export Order (LEO). Further, the exporters also were not sure that RoDTEP amounts would be credited to their accounts after cancellation of LEO. Hence, clarification was sought on the said issues.

2. Point addressed by the President, CHAASAAC:-

Shri R. Rajesh Kumar, President, CHAASAAC opined that there are some shipments which sailed out of Tuticorin, Cochin and is at Nhava Seva, Mundra. Many of the exporters paid the RoDTEP and cleared the cargo. There are also some shippers who insisted that they will not pay RoDTEP because once scroll is out and they take the facility after 02 years, DGFT will ask for the BRC. So, they have pushed through FIEO and met the Cochin Commissioner who has agreed to release the cargo without payment of RoDTEP on a declaration stating that if they take the benefit through the scrip, they will be paying it back, subsequently. The shippers contend that once the assessing officer gives LEO and allow clearance at Mundhra & Nhava Seva, he can automatically suspend the RoDTEP scrip in his system itself as a result of which this issue does not arise. He further added that correctness of the said procedure would be known immediately which would be communicated to the concerned officers. It was also stated that once the shippers take the scrips, they will get one reference number which when given to the concerned officer, cancels the same.

3. Point raised by the TCBA:-

Shri L. Cecil Machado, President, TCBA further stated that unlike in Duty Drawback/IGST schemes, there is no mechanism to view/give/modify anything in the RoDTEP process. The feasibility of suspension of RoDTEP by the assessment officer in this case was also raised by him considering the fact that various categories of Shipping Bills had gone through the 'history on previous occasions'.

4. Point addressed by the President, CHAASAAC:-

Shri P. Rajesh Kumar, CHAASAAC stated that they have written to Mr. Abhinav Gupta Director General of DGFT also and are waiting for reply from them.

5. Point raised by the President, CHAASAAC:-

Shri P. Rajesh Kumar, CHAASAAC raised the point that the Shipping Lines are charging huge amounts on a large number of containers which moved out of Tuticorin, Cochin that are now stuck in Ports such as Oman, Mundhra etc. He requested the Chairman to take up this matter with the Board.

Reply: In respect of the points raised above, the Chairman requested all participants to flag all issues to the CCO, Trichy. In respect of point 5, the Chairman requested the President, CHAASAAC to submit a representation to the Ministry of Shipping, New Delhi while assuring to take up the matter with the Board. In this regard, the Chairman instructed the ADC, Custom House, Tuticorin to compile such type of similar issues for taking up with

the Board.

6. The Meeting concluded with the thanks to the Trade by Shri G.V. Pandiyaraj, Joint Commissioner, CCO (P) Zone, Trichy.

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JOINT COMMISSIONER

Copy Submitted to: The Joint Secretary (Customs), CBIC, North Block, New Delhi.

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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)