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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WEEKLY CCFC MEETING HELD ON
10.09.2026 at 15.30 Hrs.**

Based on the Board's instructions, a special weekly CCFC Meeting to review Import-Export related issues in view of the prevailing global situation (Gulf Crisis) and SCMTR weekly outreach programme to sensitize all stake holders about the provisions of the smooth implementation of SCMTR, 2018 was conducted on 10.09.2026 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 P.V.N Suresh Babu Chief Commissioner of Customs, Tiruchirappalli (Preventive) zone.

2. The CCFC meeting was attended by the representatives of the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Tiruchirappalli (Preventive) Zone, Office of Trichy Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate and Tuticorin Customs House Commissionerate and other members/stake holders falling under the Jurisdiction of the Zone. The details of the same are attached vide Annexure-A.

3. Shri. Umesh Rathod, Joint Commissioner, CCO, Tiruchirappalli welcomed all the attendees.

4. The following points put forth by the trade were taken up for discussion:-

(i) Points raised by: -Mr. Raja Palaniappan – Joint Secretary, CHAASAAC, Coimbatore

Unannounced Port Congestion Surcharge by Liners/NVOCCs at Khorfakkan - Trade has represented that certain vessel operators and NVOCCs are imposing unannounced port congestion surcharges and other additional charges at Khorfakkan, over and above the agreed freight, while the consignments are already enroute/in transit, causing considerable financial burden to exporters and agents.

Reply: - The issue of exorbitant billing by liners/NVOCC operators due to Gulf War

disruptions was raised. The Chairman clarified that the matter lies beyond Customs jurisdiction and advised Mr. Raja Palaniappan to pursue it with the concerned Ministry. Mr. Palaniappan acknowledged and confirmed that the issue will be taken up with the Director General of Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India.

(ii) Point raised by: -Mr. Rajagopalan – Vice President, CHAASAAC, Coimbatore

Congestion at Chennai and Mumbai Airports: -

Mr. P. Subramanian of CHAASAAC highlighted that export cargo from ACC, Coimbatore is getting stuck due to lack of space at the Air India shed in Chennai, and congestion at Chennai and Mumbai Airports has led carriers to refuse cargo at ACC, Coimbatore, affecting trade interests.

Reply: -The Chairman directed that specific details be furnished to the Trichy Commissioner for examining the issue and forward recommendations for consideration.

(iii) Points raised by: -Mr. Manoharan – Special Invitee, CHAASAAC, Coimbatore

Jeddah/Red Sea Port Congestion and Vessel Diversion: -

Trade has represented that due to severe congestion at Jeddah/Red Sea ports, vessels carrying cargo from Nhava Sheva to Jeddah are being diverted or delayed, resulting in substantial delay in delivery and, in certain cases, shipping lines are demanding additional freight from customers.

Reply: - The issue relates to international shipping operations, vessel routing, port congestion, and commercial disputes between liners and exporters, which is beyond Customs' purview. The Chairman advised CHAASAAC members to take up the matter with liners/shippers. Mr. Raja Palaniappan stated that the issue will be taken up with the Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India (AMTOI) and other concerned shipping authorities for resolution.

(iv) Points raised by: -CHAASAAC, Coimbatore

Gateway EGM Issue for Bonded Truck LCL Shipments: -

Trade has represented that difficulties are being faced in filing/processing/closure of Gateway EGM in respect of LCL export cargo transported through bonded trucks, resulting in delays in confirmation/closure of export transactions.

Reply: - The Gateway EGM mismatch for bonded truck LCL shipments is causing persistent errors, delaying IGST refunds and export incentives. The Chief Commissioner, as

Chairman, directed the Trichy Commissioner to examine the matter and forward necessary recommendations.

(Action: - Trichy Customs(P) Commissionerate)

(v) Point raised by Shri. Manogaran. Kelo Logistics

CBLR License Transfer and EDI Facility at Trichy Customs(P) Commissionerate: -A member from Kelo Logistics, representing the Custom Brokers Association, raised the issue that Trichy Customs lacks an EDI facility to transfer, amend or approve CBLR licenses obtained from Chennai Customs. Shri Vijayakrishna Velan, ADC Trichy Customs(P) Commissionerate, clarified that Chennai INMAI-1 is the mother port for Trichy, and license approval is accorded only to Chennai. The Chairman directed the Commissioner of Trichy Customs(P) Commissionerate to examine the matter and forward necessary recommendations.

(Action: - Trichy Customs(P) Commissionerate)

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and all participants.

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Umesh Rathod
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UMESH RATHOD
JOINT COMMISSIONER

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

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1.All the Stakeholders through Zonal Website.

2.The Superintendent (EDI), CC(P) Zone, Tiruchirappalli.

(With a request to upload the Minutes of the Meeting in the Tiruchirappalli Preventive Zone Website).

ANNEXURE-A**Details of Officers****WEEKLY SPECIAL CCFC MEETING HELD ON 10.09.2026 at 15.30 Hrs**

Sl. No.	Name of the officer (Shri/Smt/Mr)	Designation
1.	Devendra V. Nagvenkar	Pr. Commissioner of Custom, Custom House, Tuticorin
2.	Bharat Prakash	Commissioner of Customs(P), Tiruchirappalli
3.	Vijaya Krishna Velan	Additional Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli Customs(P) Commissionerate
4.	T Usha Devi	Additional Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
5.	Sree Hari Sankar P	Additional Commissioner, CCO Tiruchirappalli
6.	B. Vinayak	Joint Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
7.	G. Jai Arvind	Joint Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
8.	Pandiyaraj G. V	Joint Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli Customs(P) Commissionerate
9.	Sunita Panthri	Assistant Director, ICES
10.	Taruna P. Lulla	Assistant Director, NCTC
11.	Assistant Director, DGTS CZU	
12.	L. M. Kalaiarasan	Deputy Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
13.	P Kathirvel	Deputy Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
14.	C. Thirumalai Muthu	Assistant Commissioner, CCO Tiruchirappalli
15.	Joseph Israel	Assistant Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
16.	Ravi Kumar T	Assistant Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
17.	Sunil Kumar S	Assistant Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
18.	DFO Coimbatore	
19.	RajeshKanna	Superintendent, CCO(P), Tiruchirappalli
20.	Dilip Kumar	Superintendent, Tuticorin Customs
21.	Rakesh Yadav	Superintendent, Tiruchirappalli Customs(P) Commissionerate
22.	Sonu Kumar	Inspector, CCO(P), Tiruchirappalli
23.	EDI Section Custom House, Tuticorin	

Details of stakeholders and representative Trade associations

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Sl No.	Name of Nominated Members (Mr/Mrs/Shri)	Name of the Organization
1	Biju Ismail	CRCL, Tuticorin
2	E M Arun	DBGT, Tuticorin
3	J. David Raja	TCFSA, Tuticorin
4		Christhu Raja
5		Dhanasekaran
6		Dillibabu Sattava
7	E.M Arun	DBGT, Coimbatore
8		Ganesh
9	Gobinath	Sr.Manager Sales & Operations, CHAASAAC Coimbatore
10		Representative of ICD Hosur
11		Jayaprakash GML
12	John Ponraj	St. John ICD
13	Karthikeyan	TEA
14	Manogaran	Kelo Logistics
15	P. Subramaniam	Past President & Past General Secretary
16		Representative of PROMPT CFS
17	Raja Planiappan	Raja Palaniappan – Joint Secretary, CHAASAAC
18	Rajagopalan	Rajagopalan – Vice President, CHAASAAC
19		Krishna Kumar
20		S. Vijayakumar
21	Sankar	TEA
22	Saravana Kumar	Ternmax Logistics Pvt ltd
23		Siva Prakash
24		Sornavel
25		Representative of CHOLA CFS
26		Tuticorin CFS Association
27		Representative of SANS CFS
28	V. Minesh Raja	TCBA