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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WEEKLY CCFC MEETING HELD ON 15.10.2026 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 15.10.2026 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 Officer of the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Tiruchirappalli (Preventive) Zone, Officers 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. G.V Pandiyaraj, Joint Commissioner, Trichy Customs (Prev) Commissionerate, Tiruchirappalli Zone welcomed all the attendees.

4. The Chief Commissioner welcomed the participants and informed that the issues relating to SCMTR manifest filing and amendments had been taken up with DG Systems, which had provided a three-day window for resolving pending amendments, with the guidance of Shri Devendra Nagavenkar, Pr. Commr, CH, Tuticorin. He stated that DG Systems had sought feedback on the procedure followed by trade in filing SCMTR declarations. It was observed that adherence to the prescribed procedure and sequence of data entry, as explained by DG Systems, would help prevent most of the errors. He also referred to the issues relating to stuffing reports, for which guidance had been received from DG Systems and communicated to the concerned officers.

The Chief Commissioner requested the trade representatives to highlight any

remaining issues and indicated that further intervention with DG Systems would be considered wherever necessary.

5. Shri A.S. Ramasamy, TCBA, thanked the Customs authorities for temporarily reopening the system 1.5 to facilitate resolution of pending SCMTR-related issues. He stated that the facility would be of great help clearing the pending cases. He also informed that efforts were being made to resolve the stuffing report issues locally in coordination with the stakeholders concerned. Pr. Commr have reminded them about the PTFC meeting at next hour at CH, Tuticorin and invited larger audience to speak out of their issue therein.

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

(i) Issues raised by Shri Kandasamy, CONCOR

Shri Kandasamy, CONCOR, highlighted the long-pending stuffing report issues, stating that in 498 cases, stuffing reports had been approved by Customs officers but were not approved in the subsequent "Allowed for Shipment" process. He also reported errors arising from the repeated use of container numbers on short-duration voyages to Colombo, wherein the system displayed previous shipping bill details relating to consignments cleared through other CFSs/Customs stations. He stated that more than 25 such cases remained unresolved despite being brought to the notice of ICEGATE. He requested that the system be reopened for one week to enable clearance of the backlog, referring to more than 7,000 pending bills at Tuticorin. He further highlighted that the pending stuffing report issues were affecting the flow of funds to exporters, resulting in delays in payments to Customs Brokers and, consequently, salary disbursement to their employees during the festival season. He requested that the system 1.5 be reopened for further 3–4 days to enable the trade to clear the pending cases.

Reply: The Chairman reiterated that, as informed by DG Systems, the issue was local in nature and not an issue at the pan-India level. He stated that adherence to the prescribed sequence while filing the documents would prevent such errors and requested Pr. Commissioner, CH, Tuticorin Commissionerate to take up the matter further. The Principal Commissioner stated that, owing to the short transit time of vessels operating from Tuticorin, the system was not accepting container numbers that had already been used in previous voyages, resulting in stuffing report errors. He informed that the issue would be taken up with DG Systems and requested that the matter be formally referred to the appropriate authority, highlighting the unique operational circumstances of Tuticorin vis-à-vis major ports such as Mundra, Mumbai and Chennai, where alternative solutions had reportedly been implemented. He further stated that the matter would be pursued in writing to explore a suitable resolution. He further replied that the issue of opening up of system

1.5 for further time would be taken up with DG Systems.

(ii) Issues raised by Shri P. Subramanian, Customs Brokers Association, Coimbatore

Shri P. Subramanian informed that, as per an advisory issued by Continental Corporation, a mismatch in even one shipping bill would result in all shipping bills pertaining to the particular container being returned. He stated that all 25 shipping bills received from Coimbatore had encountered errors despite submission of the stuffing reports for approval. He sought clarification on whether the issue required intervention by DG Systems or could be resolved through discussions between Customs and Continental Corporation.

Reply-The Principal Commissioner of Custom House, Tuticorin Commissionerate stated that the errors were reportedly due to mismatches in cargo type and package numbers. He informed that the issue would be examined and an appropriate response provided. He also requested Shri P. Subramanian to share the details of the issue in the PTFC WhatsApp group and participate in the PTFC meeting scheduled at 4.30 PM.

(iii) Issues raised by Shri Karthikeyan, Tiruppur Exporters Association

Shri Karthikeyan thanked the Customs authorities for the temporary restoration of the SCMTR facility. He requested DG Systems to issue clear, error-wise guidelines indicating the procedure for rectification of recurring SCMTR errors, the corrective action required and the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders concerned, so as to facilitate faster resolution of such errors.He further highlighted that a large number of shipping bills remained pending, resulting in blockage of drawback and IGST funds payable to exporters, particularly during the festive season. He requested that the pending cases be expedited and resolved at the earliest.

Reply: The Chief Commissioner stated that the issue could also be taken up during the forthcoming PTFC meeting. He suggested requesting DG Systems to conduct another training session, involving trade representatives, to explain the prescribed procedures for data entry and the rectification of various SCMTR errors, in view of the advisory already issued by DG Systems. The Principal Commissioner agreed to explore the possibility of conducting another training programme for all stakeholders. He also suggested preparing an error-code-wise template/SOP outlining the corrective steps to be followed by the trade for resolving SCMTR errors at their end.

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

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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 15.10.2026 at 15.30 Hrs

Sl. No.	Name of the officer (Shri/Smt/Mr)	Designation
1.	Devendra V Nagvenkar	Pr. Commissioner of Custom House Tuticorin Commisionerate
2.	Bharat Prakash	Commissioner of Customs(P) Commissionerate Tiruchirappalli
3.	Vijay Krishnavelan	Additional Commissioner of Customs(P) Commissionerate Tiruchirappalli
4.	Pandiyaraj G. V	Joint Commissioner, Tiruchirappalli Customs(P) Commissionerate
5.	L. M. Kalaiarasan	Deputy Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
6.	P Kathirvel	Deputy Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
7.	C. Thirumalai Muthu	Assistant Commissioner, CCO Tiruchirappalli
8.	Joseph Israel	Assistant Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
9.	Ravi Kumar T	Assistant Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
10.	Sunil Kumar S	Assistant Commissioner, Tuticorin Customs
11.	M Sivabalan	Assistant Commissioner, Cuddalore Division
12.	RajeshKanna	Superintendent, CCO, Tiruchirappalli
13.	Parveen Malik	Superintendent, Tuticorin Customs
14.	Prakash Batwal	Superintendent, NCTC Mumbai
15.	Rakesh Yadav	Superintendent, Tiruchirappalli Customs(P) Commissionerate
16.	Akash Shukla	Inspector, Tiruchirappalli Customs(P) Commissionerate
17.	Randeep Singh	Inspector, NCTC Mumbai
18.	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	Dr. Nammalwar	EC TCBA
5	Saravanakumar	Ternmax Logistics
6	Cecil Machado	TCBA
7	Christhu Raja	
8	Representative of Cuddalore Port	
9	George	Greenwich Meridian Logistics Pvt Ltd Tuticorin
10	S Kandasamy	CONCOR CFS
11	S Vijyakumar	
12	Senthil Kumar	
13	Dr. Nammalwar	EC, TCBA
14	V Minesh Raja	
15	Tuticorin CFS Association	
16	VijayaRaghvan	
17	Manikandan	
18	J. Pinto Villavarayar	Secretary, TCBA
19	Karthikeyan M	TEA
20	Syed Ali Freedom Shipping	
21	Chola CFS Tuticorin	
22	P. Subramaniyam	CHAASAAC
23	Marimuthu Mathivanan	
24	Sornavel	
25	Malarvizhi	
26	Jeyanth	TSAA, TCBA
27	Vijay	TICT
28	Representative of PROMPT CFS	