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MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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The Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) Meeting for the month of September, 2026 (Hybrid Mode) was held on 09.09.2026 at 3:30 hrs. at Custom House Tuticorin under the chairmanship of Shri. Devendra Vasudeo Nagvenkar, Principal Commissioner of Customs, Custom House Tuticorin.

2. The Customs Officials representative of CHAs/Trade who attended the meeting is mentioned in Annexure-A.

3. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the participants of the meeting. During the meeting, the following agenda points were taken up for discussion and the details of the same are as below.

Agenda No. 1 raised by Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association : - Implementation of Scanning vide Letter No. CB/C-02/D.47 DT.28.08.2026.

" The percentage of containers selected for scanning has increased for the last few voyages as detailed below and also the percentage of scanned containers marked either 100% examination or marked area examination has also increased.

Data for your reference.

Vessel Name	Total No. of Containers in the Vessel	No of Import Containers Selected for Scanning	Percentage of Scanning
ZHONG PENG YOU YI. V.26063	784	331	42.21
FSL KELANG.	579	311	53.71

V.268			
ESCADA. V.633	376	198	52.65
ZHONG PENG YOU YI. V.26064	767	374	48.76
WAN HAI. 047	478	233	48.74
MSC TIGER. V.635	368	182	49.45
FSL KELANG. V.269	671	345	51.42

We request the following are the requirements at the Scanning Department.

a) Sufficient officers to be posted in CSD with experience.

b) Proper review of Scanning Reports should be ensured.

c) Scanning infrastructure should be increased.

We request to kindly review the above and do the needful for the benefit of the Trade."

Reply: It is informed that the extent of scanning is decided by the NCTC based on the specific parameters and the same is not decided locally.. Regarding percentage of examination of containers specific details like containers Number, Shipping Bill No., , Bills of entry No. etc may be furnished so that the fact could be ascertained and appropriate action will be taken at our end. It is informed that this office takes all measures to reduce dual time of the cargo for scanning. Further creating additional infrastructure for scanning is on top priority and deployment of sufficient officers would be resoted wheever such need arises..

(ACTION: AC CSD & TCBA)

Agenda No. 2 raised by Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association- Q-Type Error vide Letter No. CB/C-02/D.41 DT.13.08.2026.

" We wish to bring to your kind attention the requirement under the recent Circular No. 16/2026 dated 30.03.2026 issued in connection with the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), wherein the responsibility for filing of Stuffing Report has been assigned to the Custodians (CFS). It is observed that since 01.07.2026 Stuffing Reports are not filed by Custodians due to some technical issues, so the shipping bills are pending in EGM. Even after the stuffing reports have been entered, many Shipping Bills continue to remain in the EGM Error Queue with error code "Q." As a result, a significant number of Shipping Bills are reflecting EGM-related errors, adversely affecting the timely processing of export incentives and other export benefits. We request your good self to issue necessary instructions for proper implementation as per SCMTR by custodians and we request to arrange for alternate solution to post stuffing report till the issue is resolved."

Reply:- Letter issued to DG system vide letter dated 04.09.2026. Based on the request sent by this office, Patch has been deployed by DG System and resolution of

EGM error code “Q” is under process and is being resolved one by one.

(ACTION: AC SCMTR)

Agenda No. 3 raised by Jai Sreem Exports.- Request for Goods description due to system space constraints.

" With the above subject, we are pleased to inform you that, we insert the description in the shipping bill as per advance license, due to space constraints in the shipping bill description columns the wording’s are cutoff .

As per advance licence Description:

J277-90% MICROPOLYESTER 10% SPANDEX KNITTED MENS T.SHIRT (BODY - ORANGE COLOUR) WITH FULL SLEEVE (GREY COLOUR) MADE OUT OF FABRIC WIDTH-150CM AND 180GSM.

Leo shipping bill Description : J277-90% MICROPOLYESTER 10% SPANDEX KNITTED MENS T.SHIRT (BODY - ORANGE COLOUR) WITH FULL SLEEVE (GREY COLOUR) MADE OUT

We submitted the above Leo shipping bill description to DGFT of closure the license and the DGFT raised the below query.

‘’You are advised to furnish Amendment Letter from Concerned Customs Authority for S/Bill No.5257547 dt.09.11.2023 as a proof of GSM to consider your case further’’

Hence, we submit the request letter to tuticorin customs of require full description letter, and the same enclosed for your kind reference. Thank you sir, for considering our request.

We would be happy to provide the necessary space in description column in the electronic data (EDI) system".

Reply:- NOC for amendment in r/o Shipping Bills No.5257547 dated 09.11.2023 and 2677301 dated 24.04.2026 has been issued to M/s. Jai Sreem Exports vide letters dated 11.09.2026

(ACTION: Closed)

Agenda No. 4 raised by Mr. M.Karthikeyan representative of Tirupur Exporter's Association - Drawback Scroll Pending Due to Non-Updation of Stuffing Report & Non-Amendment of Drawback Serial Number in 28 Shipping Bills - Despite Compliance.

A. **Drawback Scroll Pending Due to Non-Updation of Stuffing Report**

" Around 30 Shipping Bills are pending in the Drawback Queue for the last 50-60 days only for the reason that "Stuffing Report is not made" in the system.

The physical stuffing is completed and LEO is given, but due to technical difficulties of Stuffing Report by the concerned shed, the Shipping Bills are not moving to the Drawback Scroll. This is causing severe working capital blockage for exporters.

Request: We request that suitable instructions may be given to the Docks / CFS staff to update the Stuffing Reports on a daily basis and to clear all 30 pending bills immediately on priority.".

Reply:-This status of resolution of this issue has already been given in reply to agenda no.2 above.

B. **Non-Amendment of Drawback Serial Number in 28 Shipping Bills - Despite Compliance**

" This is regarding 28 Shipping Bills for which a Drawback query was raised regarding classification.We submit as under:

a) For 23 Bills, we have proved the correct classification through Textile Committee Test Report, as asked for by Customs.

b) For the balance 5 Bills, we have accepted the Drawback Sl. No. suggested by Customs and given our consent for amendment.

Despite full compliance, the Shipping Bills have not been amended in the DBK Menu and consequently not sanctioned for Scroll generation.

In this regard, we had submitted our representation letter dated 15.07.2026. Subsequently, Customs again raised a query to reply through the Query Reply Module on ICEGATE, which we have duly replied. Again we submitted our Letter Dated 11.08.2026 re-confirming the same.

Even after 45+ days and multiple compliances, the issue remains unresolved.

Request: We request the Chair to direct the concerned Drawback Section to carry out the amendment in the DBK Menu for all 28 Bills and to sanction them for the next Scroll without further delay."

Reply:- It is observed that the Drawback Serial Number applicable to the above mentioned 5 Shipping Bills cannot be amended/altered at this stage due to the present status of the Shipping Bills and the procedural/system limitations applicable to the Drawback claim. The final Drawback and RoSCTL amounts in respect of the subject Shipping Bills can be processed only after payment of differential amount between the higher and lower Drawback rate, by the exporter. A letter dt. 10.09.2026 has already sent to M/s. S. P. Apparels Ltd and reply is awaited from exporter.

(ACTION: AC ICD)

4. The next PTFC meeting shall be held on 29.09.2026 @ 3.30 PM. in Hybrid mode at Board Room of the Office of the commissioner of Customs, Tuticorin. The members are requested to submit agenda points for the meeting as early as possible.

Encl-As above

Digitally signed by
Devendra Vasudeo Nagvenkar
Date: 17-09-2026 14:27:19

(DEVENDRA V. NAGVENKAR)
PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER

To,

The Members of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee.

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d. The Traffic Manager, VOC Port trust, Tuticorin
e. M/s. D.B.G.T. Terminal Limited, Tuticorin.
f. M/s. Tuticorin International Container Terminal.
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1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy.

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1. All the Deputy/ Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin.
2. The EDI Section- for uploading in the official website.

Annexure-A

Table-1
(List of officers who attended the PTFC meeting)

Sl. No.	Name of the officer (S/Shri)	Designation
1.	Shri. Devendra Vasudeo Nagvenkar,	Principal Commissioner
2.	Smt. T Usha Devi	Additional Commissioner
3.	Shri Jai Aravindh	Joint Commissioner
4.	Shri Kathirvel P	Deputy Commissioner
5.	Shri L.M. Kalaiarasan	Deputy Commissioner
6.	Shri. Joseph K C	Assistant Commissioner
7.	Shri. Joseph Israel	Assistant Commissioner
8.	Shri Ravi Kumar T	Assistant Commissioner
9.	Shri John Selvaraj R	Assistant Commissioner
10.	Shri. Dilip Kumar	Superintendent
11.	Shri Parveen Kumar	Superintendent

Table-2
(List of representatives from Trade/stakeholders who Attended the meeting).

Sl. No.	Name of Nominated Members (S/Shri)	Name of the Organization
1.	A S Ramaswamy	TCBA
2.	Cecil Machado	TCBA
3.	Karthikeyan. M	TEA
4.	J. Pinto Villavarayar	TCBA
5.	V Minesh Raja	TCBA
6.	J David Raja	TCFSA
7.	Christhu Raja	TCBA
8.	C Eswarasundar	APEC Tirupur