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MINUTES OF PERMANENT TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) Meeting for the month of August, 2026 (Hybrid Mode) was held on 18.08.2026 at 11:30 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 Point No. 1 : Implementation of Stuffing Report Filing by Custodians (CFS) under SCMTR, proposed by Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association:

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 Transshipment 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 have attached herewith the few list of Q' Type Error Shipping Bills for your reference. 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: It is informed that this issue is being followed up with officers of DG systems.

The entire list of error code "Q." submitted by TCBA will be sent to DG Systems for resolving the EGM error faced by trade. A representative from the DG System would be requested to join the meeting in the next PTFC to sort out the issue faced by the CFS/ICD in this regard. Regarding the issue faced by the M/s. CONCOR CFS, it is on record that they follow different software as compared to others and hence solutions to their problem would be found separately and necessary step would be taken in this regard.

(ACTION: AC EDI & AC (SCMTR))

Agenda Point No. 2 : Follow-up on Implementation of Risk-Based Selective Boarding of Vessels, proposed by Mr. P. Jeyanth Jason Thomas, Secretary, Tuticorin Ship Agents' Association:

Tuticorin Ship Agents' Association (TSAA) respectfully places on record its appreciation to the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Tuticorin, for the initiative and guidance towards the implementation of the Risk-Based Selective Boarding of Vessels under Public Notice No. 07/2026 dated 16.07.2026. In continuation of the discussions held during the PTFC Meeting held on 31.07.2026, the Association has started collecting, collating the list of vessels which are scheduled to call VOC Port along with various information from this week's Monday to next Monday and sharing the consolidated vessel list to the Assistant Commissioner (Docks) every Monday morning to facilitate advance risk assessment and risk profiling. (The template of the report is enclosed). Further, TSAA is also collecting and submitting the post mortem report which contains whether the vessel has been boarding or not boarded which will assist in ascertaining the progress of the Risk based selective boarding mechanism pertaining to the previous week. (The template of the report is enclosed) The Association is confident that the new scheme introduced by Indian Customs with the intention to facilitate the trade will stabilize soon. We would request you to kindly facilitate

- 1) Timely grant of " entry inward " for all vessel
- 2) Commencement of import discharge immediately upon grant of " entry inward " Irrespective of whether the vessel is chosen for boarding or not and
- 3) Decision making by Customs department itself for risk based selection instead of Ship agent individually requesting for exempting from boarding Also, if any change has to be made in template by which TSAA is updating the information, kindly do let us know

Reply:- As per the Public Notice No.02/2026 dated 22.01.2026 issued by this Customs House , entry inward shall be granted in time for all vessels without physical boarding. Once, entry inward as per Section 30(2) of the Customs Act has been granted, imported goods can be unloaded form the vessel as Section 31 of the Customs Act 1962 and there is no separate permission is required, irrespective of the fact whether the vessel is chosen for boarding or not. The statutory duties and responsibilities of the Shipping agent and other stakeholders are specified in the Interim Standard Operating Procedure dated 11.06.2026 issued by JNCH communicated vide CBIC letter dated 13.08.2026 in F.No.520/03/2026-cus. VI and the same is applicable for this customs House as well.

(ACTION: AC Dock)**Agenda Point 3 : Suggestion on BRC Alerts submitted by Shri C. Karthikeya Prabu, Krishiya Logistic.**

We sincerely appreciate the dynamic leadership of your good selves in conducting the PTFC meetings regularly with the stakeholders and providing effective solutions to the trade.

Recently, the Customs House, Tuticorin, issued a Public Notice 8/2026 dated 11th Aug 2026 along with an Annexure containing the names and details of exporters whose BRC/ARC details are pending. The notice also included the details of the reason for the alerts initiated by the Department for proper compliance requirements.

In the larger interest of the Customs, Exporters, and Customs Brokers, we request for taking up the matter with the Exporters' Association and the respective Export Promotion Councils, providing the relevant details of the concerned exporters for their information and necessary action. This initiative is intended to facilitate timely compliance by the concerned exporters and to ensure that the pending requirements are duly addressed with the respective authorities.

We also appreciate the initiative taken by the Customs Department in conducting the BRC Mela for the early resolution and closure of pending BRC-related cases. A follow up action of this BRC Mela shall be updated to the Trade for motivating the Exim Trade about the various initiatives taken by the Customs Department to facilitate the Trade and provide the comfort of ease of doing business.

Reply- These suggestions have been considered and appropriate action would be taken in the next BRC Mela.

(ACTION: AC BRC)**4. Action taken on the minutes of PTFC held on 31.07.2026:**

Agenda No.2 : *Functioning of CONCOR & CWC 24x7*: Requisition from TCBA to ensure 24 x 7 working of CONCOR and CWC CFS's for handling of Self Sealed (RFID) export cargoes (Especially Perishable cargo) after CFS Working hours and on Holidays.

Minutes : Feedback/input in this regard would be obtained from the concern CFS and issue would be taken up in the next PTFC meeting.

Action taken on the minutes: -: It is ascertained from the concerned Assistant Commissioner that CONCOR and CWC CFS are working 24 x7 basis. However, if at all any problem faced on CONCOR or CWC CFS, it can directly accelerate to the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of concerned CFS.

(ACTION: AC/DC of Concor & CWC)

Agenda Point No.2 raised by Shri.P.Jayant Thomas, Secretary, TSAA : *Faster evacuation of Empty containers from terminal/ Stakeholder request to Tuticorin*

Customs Commissionerate for facilitation / doing away with physical signature by preventive officer in EIR.

Minutes: After physical visit to port premises and after examining the issue in the light of the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 or Rules or Regulation made under Customs Act 1962 and practice followed in other customs formation, appropriate instruction will be issued for balancing law enforcement vis-a-vis facilitation.

Action Taken on the minutes:- It is informed that a visit was made to the DBGT and TICT terminal to understand the process and flow of import containers and consulted both the terminals and Port Authorities. Both the terminal operators ensured that they would install necessary infrastructure for faster release of empty containers.

(ACTION: AC Dock, DBGT and TICT)

5. The next PTFC meeting shall be held on **09.09.2026 @ 3.30** hrs 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

**(DEVENDRA V. NAGVENKAR)
PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER**

To,

The Members of the Permanent Trade Facilitation Committee.

- a. Tuticorin Customs Brokers' Association
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- b. Tuticorin CFS Association
SF No. 1538/1A1, Plot No. 1, New Sundar Nagar, EB Colony Main Road,
Tuticorin - 628 101.
- c. Tuticorin Ship Agents' Association,
50, Beach Road, Tuticorin-628001
- 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.
- g. Spices Board, World Trade Avenue, VOC New Port Tuticorin-628004
- h. AEPC, Tiruppur
- i. TEA, Tiruppur.

Copy Submitted to:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy.

Copy to:

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 Sunil Kumar S	Assistant Commissioner
10.	Shri John Selvaraj R	Assistant Commissioner
11.	Shri. Dilip 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.	Ramesh Kannan	TEA
4.	A. Wenisch Fonseca	TCFSA
5.	V Minesh Raja	TCBA
6.	P. Jeyanth Jason Thomas	TSSA
7.	Karthikeya Prabu	TSSA
8.	R. Jeyakana	ONE
9.	Subramanian	TICT
10.	M. Vijaya Selvan	TICT

11.	J David Raja	TCFSA
12.	John Ponraj	St . John
13.	Christhu Raja	TCBA
14.	C Eswarasundar	APEC Tirupur