



**Minutes of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) meeting held on 21.07.2026.**

Meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) chaired by Shri. Brij Bhushan Gupta, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-III was held on 21.07.2026 at 3:00 P.M. in the Conference room, Air Cargo Complex, Sahar, Mumbai Customs Zone-III.

2. The Customs Department was represented by following officers:

| Sl. No. | Name (Shri/Smt/Ms.)  | Designation             | Commissionerate |
|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1.      | Manish Chandra       | Pr. Commissioner        | Import          |
| 2.      | Hardeep Batra        | Commissioner            | Export          |
| 3.      | Sunil Kumar Singh    | Commissioner            | General         |
| 4.      | Santosh Kumar Mishra | Commissioner            | APSC            |
| 5.      | Tagadi Manjunath     | Addl. Commissioner      | CCO             |
| 6.      | Priya Jadhav         | Additional Commissioner | Export          |
| 7.      | Radhanath Purohit    | Additional Commissioner | General         |
| 8.      | N Pandiyaraj         | Additional Commissioner | General         |
| 9.      | Siddharthan T.       | Joint Commissioner      | Export          |
| 10.     | Sunil Shrivastava    | Joint Commissioner      | Import          |
| 11.     | Nikhil Goyal         | Joint Commissioner      | Import          |
| 12.     | R.V. Keny            | Assistant Commissioner  | General         |
| 13.     | Avinash Punia        | Assistant Commissioner  | General         |
| 14.     | V D Anand Kumar      | Assistant Commissioner  | Import          |
| 15.     | Jai Singh Meena      | Assistant Commissioner  | Import          |
| 16.     | Rakesh Kumar         | Assistant Commissioner  | Export          |
| 17.     | Mahesh Vhatkar       | Assistant Commissioner  | Export          |
| 18.     | Jayant K Zemse       | Assistant Commissioner  | Export          |

3. Following representatives of the Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) and that of the other stakeholders were present in the meeting:

| Sl. No. | Name of the representative | Name of the Organisation |
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|     | (Shri/Smt./Ms.)   |         |
|-----|-------------------|---------|
| 1.  | Ajinkya Lad       | MIAL    |
| 2.  | Amit Kadam        | MIAL    |
| 3.  | Mayur Darekar     | MIAL    |
| 4.  | Pradeep Sonar     | MIAL    |
| 5.  | Gaurav Sabnis     | MIAL    |
| 6.  | Vishal Kamble     | MIAL    |
| 7.  | Naresh Kumar      | MIAL    |
| 8.  | Sanjeev Harale    | BCBA    |
| 9.  | Dushyant Mulani   | BCBA    |
| 10. | Ketan Desai       | BCBA    |
| 11. | Kaushal Thakkar   | BCBA    |
| 12. | Vinayak Aparaj    | BCBA    |
| 13. | Paresh Sangani    | BCBA    |
| 14. | Mark Fernandes    | IMC     |
| 15. | Hiren Joshi       | AIASL   |
| 16. | Namrata Pahem     | AIASL   |
| 17. | Harish Shetty     | MCSCAPL |
| 18. | Parsuram Upadhyay | MCSCAPL |
| 19. | Mandar Rane       | MCSCAPL |
| 20. | Mukesh Marolia    | MCSCAPL |
| 21. | Subodh Thakur     | MCSCAPL |
| 22. | Harish Sheth      | MCSCAPL |
| 23. | Mahesh Bowlay     | MCSCAPL |

4 . The Addl. Commissioner of Customs, Chief Commissioner's Office, Mumbai Customs Zone-III welcomed the participants. All the participant introduced themselves and welcomed Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Customs Zone-III.

5. Three (03) pending old agenda points of the earlier CCFC meeting held on 12.05.2026 and 05 new agenda point received for the current CCFC meeting were taken up for discussion.

#### **6.1 Old Agenda Point-1: AEO Application Status to be publicly displayed / shared**

BCBA requested that the status of AEO applications be made available for online tracking. It was informed that the AEO portal already indicates whether an application is pending with the Commissionerate or has been forwarded to the Directorate of International Customs (DIC). It was also decided that BCBA and Customs would jointly organize an AEO Awareness Workshop for

prospective applicants.

*BCBA informed that the AEO Awareness Seminar will be organized in coordination with Customs and that the finalized date will be intimated to the Department for necessary coordination.*

**(Point Closed)**

## **6.2 Old Agenda Point-2: Air India - Shortage of Labour**

BCBA raised the issue of shortage of labour at the General Export Shed. AIASL informed that additional manpower was being deployed and that the matter would also be pursued with the higher authorities.

*AIASL further informed that additional manpower has been deployed to manage the increased export cargo volume. Priority is being given to LEO cargo, and the "First Come First Cart" and "No Cargo on Floor" policies have been implemented to improve cargo flow and operational efficiency.*

**(Point Closed)**

## **6.3 Old Agenda Point-3: Utilization of SNZ Infrastructure at Bharat Diamond Bourse, Mumbai During Non-SNZ Periods for Diamond Viewing and Exhibition Activities**

GJEPC requested permission to utilize the SNZ infrastructure during non-SNZ periods for conducting diamond viewing sessions. GJEPC was requested to clarify the legal liability of foreign entities, after which the APSC Commissionerate would examine the matter.

*It was informed that the proposed SNZ Exhibition Framework modifies the procedure prescribed under CBIC Circular No. 17/2015-Customs. Accordingly, the matter has been referred to CBIC for information and concurrence to permit exhibitions under Notification No. 8/2016-Customs at the SNZ, Bharat Diamond Bourse, Mumbai.*

**(Point Closed)**

## **7.1 New Agenda Point-1: Provision of Basic Facilities for Drivers Arriving at ACC, Mumbai for Loading and Unloading of Import/Export Cargo**

It was requested that MIAL/Adani Management provide basic amenities, including mobile toilets and drinking water, for drivers waiting at the ACC entry point. It was further requested that MIAL/Adani Management provide free emergency medical assistance to visitors requiring urgent medical attention during import/export clearance activities.

*MIAL/Adani Management informed that mobile toilets, drinking water, and a 24×7 Medical Inspection Room with a dedicated medical team and ambulance are already available inside the ACC premises. It was further informed that construction of a parking plaza outside the Cargo Complex is underway, which*

*will include facilities such as a canteen, toilets, rest rooms, etc. The project is expected to be completed within 5–6 months.*

*Therefore, it was requested to MIAL/Adani Management to explore immediate interim measures, such as installation of additional water coolers, portable toilets, and mobile canteens, including the possibility of implementing these facilities under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).*

**(Action: MIAL/Adani Management)**

## **7.2 New Agenda Point-2: Simplification of Bonding Procedure under Section 49 of the Customs Act, 1962**

BCBA requested simplification of the procedure for movement of goods warehoused under Section 49 of the Customs Act, 1962 by permitting transportation in sealed vehicles without Customs escort, on the lines of the procedure applicable under Section 59, in order to reduce delays and transaction costs. BCBA representative have brought to Chief Commissioner's notice that JNCH have issued a Public Notice which addresses all the concerns under Section 49 matters.

*It was deliberated that, provisions under Section 49 & Section 59 are based on two distinct legal principles. Standard warehousing provisions do not apply to these goods as they are meant for temporary storage and later goods are under examination. Therefore, movement of goods stored under Section 49 requires Customs escort. Further, the Commissioner of Customs (PSO-General) further informed that requests for Customs escort are attended to on the same day after receipt of the request. Accordingly, the request to permit movement without Customs escort could not be acceded to. However, Chief Commissioner has directed the officers to go through the said Public Notice and check if any improvement can be made by incorporating points from the said Public Notice.*

**(Action : Import Commissionerate)**

## **7.3 New Agenda Point-3: Installation of X-ray Scanning Facility for Oversized Export Cargo**

BCBA raised concerns regarding the absence of X-ray scanning facilities for oversized export cargo and requested installation of larger X-ray scanners. The matter was taken up with the concerned custodian for examination.

*The custodian informed that the largest available aviation cargo X-ray scanner has already been installed and that no larger aviation cargo screening system is presently available in India. The feasibility of installing a gate scanner will be examined based on availability and operational experience at other airports.*

*It was decided that, if any X-ray scanning machine larger than the existing one are available in India or abroad, its technical specifications shall be obtained. Based on the same, a proposal may be submitted to BCAS for approval of its installation.*

**(Point Closed)**

#### **7.4 New Agenda Point-4: Delay in Generation of Test Memo**

BCBA highlighted the frequent non-generation of Test Memos in ICES for consignments requiring testing by the Textile Committee, resulting in reliance on Manual Test Memos and consequent delays in Customs clearance.

*It was informed that Manual Test Memos are issued with the approval of the ADC/JC in accordance with Office Order No. 13/2026-27 dated 03.06.2026. Such approvals are granted on the same day or within 24 hours of submission under the "Out Today" priority category in e-Office.*

*BCBA further informed that a Public Notice has been issued at Nhava Sheva permitting manual issuance of Test Memos in such cases. It was decided that the said Public Notice would be shared and examined to assess whether a similar mechanism could be adopted at ACC, Mumbai.*

**(Action: BCBA/Import Commissionerate)**

#### **7.5 New Agenda Point-5: Long-pending Alerts on Customs Broker Licenses**

BCBA requested expeditious review of long-pending alerts placed against Customs Broker licenses.

*It was informed that local alerts against Customs Brokers are internal risk management measures based on intelligence inputs for enhanced scrutiny. Commissionerates will periodically review the status and do the needful action.*

**(Point Closed)**

8. The next CCFC meeting is scheduled to be held on 29.09.2026.

This issues with the approval of Chief Commissioner, Mumbai Customs Zone-III.

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Tagadi Manjunath  
Date: 28-07-2026  
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Asstt. Commissioner of Customs,  
CCO, Mumbai Zone-III

Copy to:

1. The Under Secretary (Cus.IV), CBIC, North Block, New Delhi.
2. All Pr. Commissioner/Commissioner of Customs, Zone-III
3. All the Members of CCFC (Through e-mail).
4. The DC/EDI, ACC (With a request to upload the minutes on the zonal website)
5. Action owners.