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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 24.10.2025**

The meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Kolkata Customs Zone was held on 24.10.2025 (Friday) from 4.00 P.M. onwards in Hybrid Mode through Video Conferencing under the Chairmanship of Shri Ramavath Srinivasa Naik, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Customs Zone.

The following departmental officers attended the meeting in the Board Room, Custom House, Kolkata:

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Sl. No.	Name of the Attendees (S/Sh)	Designation & Commissionerate/Organisation
1	Dr. Shivaji Hanumant Dange	Pr. Commissioner (AP&ACC)
2	Atul Saxena	Pr. Commissioner (Port)
3	Sovon Kumar Mandal	JC (AP & ACC)
4	Shiv Pratap Singh	ADC (CCP)
5	Mohsina Tabassum	ADC (Port)
6	Sukhbir Singh Ahuja	ADC (Port)
7	S.T Bhutia	AC (Docks)
8	Debashis Mukhopadhyay	AC (Group)
9	Ujjal Roy	AC (CCO)
10	Manoj Kumar Chaudhary	Superintendent of Customs (CCO)
11	Tariprasad Das	Preventive Officer (CCO)

The following departmental officers & stakeholder representatives attended the meeting in virtual mode through Video Conferencing.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Sl. No.	Name of the Attendees (S/Sh)	Designation & Commissionerate/Organisation
1	Abhyudoya Guha	AC (MCH, Haldia)

2	Taruna P. Lulla	Asstt. Director, NCTC, Mumbai
3	Indranil Roy Chowdhury	Asstt. Director, DGTS, KZU
PGA/TRADE REPRESENTATIVES/IMPORTER'S REPRESENTATIVES		
4	Dr Jimlee Sarmah	JC, AQCS, Kolkata
5	Shreya Kumari,	Sc-C, BIS Kolkata BO
6	R.S. Rajhans	Traffic Manager, SMPK
7	Tanay Kr. Pal	Sr. Asst. Traffic Manager, SMPK
8	Kaushik Guha	AGM, RBI
9	*Name Not Available*	Land Port Authority of India, Petrapole
10	Mannu Choudhary	President, CCHAA
11	Sayantan Ghosh	Hony, Secretary, CCHAA
12	Sudip Dey	Past President, CCHAA
13	Pramod Kr. Srivastava	President, NACFS
14	Jayanta Sen	ASIC
15	Tathastu Tathagata	Balmer Lawrie CFS
16	Atanu Ghosh	MSC

LIST OF ABSENTEES

No representative from the following organizations attended the meeting despite being invited to join.

FIEO, ER, Kolkata	O/o Textile Commissioner, Kolkata
Pollution Control Board, WB	Regional Plant Quarantine Authority, Kolkata
Port Health Authority, Kolkata	FSSAI, Kolkata
Central Leather Research Institute, Kolkata	CRCL, Kolkata
Foreign Post Office, Kolkata	Wild Life Crime Control Bureau, Kolkata.
Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation, Eastern Zone	GJEPC, Kolkata
Airport Authority of India, Kolkata	Concor India, Kolkata
APEDA, Kolkata	

1. The meeting commenced with a welcome address by Shri Sovon Kumar Mondal, Joint Commissioner (CCO) who extended cordial greetings to all the senior officials of the department as well as other stakeholders/representatives who attended the meeting in both physical and virtual mode. He then requested the participants to introduce themselves to the Chair. The Chair then directed JC, CCO to start the proceedings of the meeting. This was followed by a presentation on the agenda points which were sponsored by Calcutta Customs House Agent Association (CCHAA). The issues, discussion thereon and corresponding directions of the chair are as follows:

<u>AGENDA POINT NO.1 (Sponsored by CCHAA)</u>	
Issue Description	<u>Late Filing of IGMs</u> Issue: IGMs are often filed on the day of the vessel arrival or late on the previous day. Filing of advance B/E before filing of IGM

	leads to discrepancies between B/E data and IGM data resulting in amendment. Therefore, late filing of IGM delays filing of B/E which leads penalization of the trade. • Proposal: Filing of IGMs should be closely monitored and carrier be penalized for late filing without sufficient cause.
Discussions during the Meeting	• Sh. Sudip Dey, Past President CCHAA stated that IGM should be visible in the ICEGATE 48 hours prior to arrival of the vessel so that B/E can be filed against it well in advance. • Exercising the option of filing of advanced B/E before filing of IGM often results in errors due to mismatches in MBL/HBL details and package descriptions (e.g., bags vs. packages). Additionally, the process of IGM amendment IGM amendments triggers examination even for RMS-facilitated B/Es. • So IGM must be available at least 48 Hours in advance. Recent instances of IGMs being filed on the day of vessel arrival have led to confusion and late filing penalties for trade. • Mr. Atanu Ghosh, MSC submitted from the liner's perspective that when a feeder operator gets a sufficient transit time of 4-5 days, then they comply with 48 Hours requirement. But for transshipment cargo from Ports at proximal locations like Vizag/Ennore for which the transit time is itself less, then they hardly have the time to comply with this requirement.
Direction of the Chair	• The Chair acknowledged the concern raised by the CCHAA representative and directed them to submit specific instances of non-compliance where IGMs are not filed 48 Hours prior to vessel arrival. • He also assured that if such late filing is creating inconvenience to other stakeholders, then Principal Commissioner (Port) shall take necessary steps to enforce penal provisions against the defaulters. Action Owner: CCHAA & Port Commissionerate
<u>AGENDA POINT NO. 2 (Sponsored by CCHAA)</u>	
Issue Description	<u>Delayed Grant of Entry Inward</u> • Issue: Inward Entry is often fed into the system a day after the vessel berths and boarding is completed, though the system reflects the previous day's date. This discrepancy causes confusion and attracts late filing penalties in many cases. • Proposal: CCHAA suggests delinking the boarding process from Inward Entry and granting it immediately upon berthing and manifest delivery. Thereafter, proper officer may board the vessel and complete other formalities.
Discussions during the Meeting	• Mr. Mannu Chaudhary highlighted that ICEGATE permits granting of Entry Inward on a backdated basis. In such cases, the IGM, previously unavailable to the CHA, suddenly appears in the system with an earlier Entry Inward date. This creates operational confusion and results in penalization for late filing of Bills of Entry. • Mr. Sayantan Ghosh (CCHAA) cited a specific instance where

	both the IGM and Entry Inward dates were reflected on ICEGATE prior to the vessel's physical berthing, which, as per Port systems, was scheduled two days later.
Direction of the Chair	• The Chair highlighted that as per provisions in this regard, as soon as the Boarding formalities are completed, the Boarding Officer has to grant entry inward after ensuring all due compliance immediately thereafter and in no case, change of entry inward date can be permitted. • He then directed the CCHAA representative to submit specific instances with all relevant details where such irregularities with the date of granting entry inward are happening so that necessary instructions can be issued to ensure due compliance by the officers. • In response to Shri Sudip Dey's query regarding the necessity of linking Boarding and granting of entry inward, the Chair explained that Boarding is a coordinated process involving multiple stakeholders, including Immigration and Port Health authorities, each of whom must confirm their respective compliance requirements. Cargo unloading cannot commence until all such clearances are obtained with Nhava Sheva being the sole exception to this protocol. Action Owner: CCHAA & Port Commissionerate

2. Mr. Atanu Ghosh (MSC), with the Chair's permission, raised an issue which was not formally incorporated in agenda points. He submitted that Container Scanning Division at Kolkata Port is not reverting with a status report on examination and action taken to the mails from the transshipment hubs of Chennai/Vizhinjam where certain transshipment containers are flagged as 'Not Clean' by the local Container Scanning Division but subsequently allowed to be moved to their Port of Discharge at Kolkata. In this regard, the Chair enquired about the time for which such replies are held back in Kolkata and assured that necessary instructions will be issued to the officers of CSD, Kolkata directing them to file timely replies to such mails from transshipment hubs. **(Action Owner: Port Commissionerate)**

3. In response to certain points which were received earlier on the day of CCFC meeting from the Petrapole Clearing Agents Association, the Chair noted that the issues appear to be mostly operational issues of local nature and instructed the sponsor to approach Principal Commissioner of Customs, CCP, W.B for resolution. Should the concerns remain unresolved thereafter, they may be formally included as agenda items in the next CCFC meeting. **(Action Owner: Petrapole Clearing Agents Association & Commissionerate of Customs Preventive (CCP), W.B)**

The meeting concluded with an exchange of Diwali greetings among the participants, followed by a formal vote of thanks delivered by Shri Sovon Kumar Mondal, Joint Commissioner (CCO).

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Customs.

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Custom House, Kolkata.

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4. All the Stakeholders
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