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**MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE
(CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 26.08.2025**

The meeting of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Kolkata Customs Zone was held on **26.08.2025** (Tuesday) at 3:30 P.M. in the Board Room, Custom House, Kolkata under the Chairmanship of Shri Ramavath Srinivasa Naik, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Customs Zone.

The following officers/representatives attended the meeting: -

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Sl. No.	Name of the Attendees (S/Sh)	Designation/Commissionerate
1	Shivaji Hanumant Dange	Pr. Commissioner (AP&ACC)
2	Vinayak Azaad	Pr. Commissioner (Preventive, W.B.)
3	Shiv Pratap Singh	ADC (CCP)
4	Dharam Raj	ADC (CCP)
5	Nitin Chand Negi	ADC (CCO)
6	Mohsina Tabassum	ADC (Port)
7	Shilpi Srivastava	JC (AP & ACC)
8	Annu Darin	ADC (AP&ACC)
9	Amit Bhardwaj	ADC (AP & ACC)
10	Sukhbir Singh Ahuja	ADC (Port)
11	Ajeet Kumar	ADC (Port)
12	Gautam Kumar	ADC (CCO)
13	Ujjwal Roy	AC (CCO)
14	Indranil Roy Chowdhury	Asstt. Director, DGTS, KZU

15	Shiv Kumar Mukim	Addl. Asstt. Director, DGTS, KZU
16	Manoj Kumar Chaudhary	Superintendent of Customs (CCO)
17	Anurag Kumar	Appraiser (AG Unit-Port)
18	Tariprasad Das	Preventive Officer (CCO)
19	C.S. Pathak	Preventive Officer (CCO)
20	Bablu Kumar	Steno-I
21	Soumit Sur	Steno-I

PGA/TRADE REPRESENTATIVES/IMPORTER'S REPRESENTATIVES		
Sl. No.	Name of the Attendees (S/Sh)	Designation/Organisation
1	K. Sazid Reza	Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager, SMPK
2	Priyankar Sarkar	Asstt. Manager, HDC, SMPK
3	Tanay Kr. Pal	SATM, SMPK
4	S.K Ghosh	Chairman, CCHAA
5	F. Zamal	President, CCHAA
6	Debdutta Nandwani	Regional Head (ER), FIEO
7	Pramod Kr. Srivastava	President, NACFS / Allied ICD
8	Ashutosh Jaiswal	CEO & Director, Century Infra Ltd.
9	V. K. Singh	Manager, PDP
10	Sandeep Ghosh	Manager, Century Infra Ltd.
11	R. Raghupathi	AVP, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
12	Ayan Sarkar	Manager (Sales), B/L & Co. Ltd
13	Kaushik Ghosh	AGM, YML (India) Pvt. Ltd.
14	Jayanta Sen	Executive Member, ASIC
15	Kaushik Guha	AGM, RBI-Kolkata
16	Harekrishna Patra	Manager, RBI-Kolkata
17	Dr. Kumar Nesar	Dy. Port Health Officer
18	Dr. Kaustav Chakraborty	PHS, PHO, Kolkata

At the outset, the Chair extended a warm welcome to all the attendees & began his keynote address with a brief overview of the three-tier Trade Facilitation Committees from Apex (National) Level to Field Formation levels that have been constituted in pursuance of India's commitment under WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) and the National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP). He further emphasized the impact of various of Policy, Infrastructural and Technological Reforms in improving trade facilitation in terms of improved cargo movement, faster release and clearance of goods & enhanced cooperation and coordination among stakeholders, PGAs and Customs Department in resolving clearance bottlenecks and highlighted the success of such initiatives in improving trade under Kolkata Customs Zone. He apprised the members about the importance of CCFC as a forum to take up unresolved issues notwithstanding the initiatives already undertaken for trade facilitation.

Upon the direction of the Chair, Shri Gautam Kumar, Additional Commissioner (CCO), briefed the participants on some of the significant recent initiatives of Kolkata Customs, including the issuance of Public Notices from Kolkata Customs Zone (commissionerate-wise), adoption of recent technological initiatives/measures and other facilitation steps taken up by the Kolkata Customs Zone aimed at creating an enabling environment for smoother trade operations.

It was followed by discussions on agenda points sponsored by the various stakeholders. Shri Gautam Kumar, ADC briefly described the agenda points to the participants. The Chair then directed the stakeholders to explain their agenda points for discussion in the meeting. The Agenda Points, replies received from the concerned Commissionerate and the discussions held thereon are as follows:

Agenda Point No. 1	<u>Sponsored by Chairman, Calcutta Customs House Agent Association:</u> DPD (Direct Port Delivery) consignments are currently being inappropriately moved from the dock to Balmer Lawrie CFS even after Out-of-Charge (OOC) and Shed Delivery Order (SDO) are issued at Port within 48 hours of vessel's landing of containers.
Remarks of the Department	<u>Comments from Port Commissionerate:-</u> 1. Matter was already discussed during TFC Meeting (Port) dated 13.08.2025. 2. Pr. Commissioner (Port) had requested CCHAA to provide specific details of the consignments where Out of Charge (OOC) was cancelled after movement to CFS, so that the issue could be examined further. However, the details are still awaited.
Discussions during the meeting	1. Shri S. K Ghosh, Chairman, CCHAA elaborated the inconvenience being faced by Importers both on operational and financial fronts when DPD containers which are not flagged by the systems are moved to CFS even after Shed Delivery Order is issued at Port and simultaneously OOC is processed & Port Authorities are citing P. N No. 04/2019 (Port) as justification for allowing just 48 Hours window to take delivery. This is also the case where delivery has

	already been effected for some part of the consignments while the remaining consignments are moved to CFS. - He urged to take a broader view of the issue considering the fact that there are multiple stakeholders involved in the process and each of them follows their own procedure. He pointed out to the Closure of Shipping Lines on Saturday/Sunday and limited window on working days (till 2.00 PM) for applying for D.O. & late access to the Scanning List of NCTC by around 12 Hours as factors limiting their functionality to take delivery within the stipulated time of 48 Hours despite their prior readiness. Mr. Jayant Sen (Executive Member, ASIC), however, informed that while most shipping lines remain closed on Saturdays, a few do facilitate issuance of Delivery Orders (D.O). - Other members also highlighted that said P. N. No. 04/2019 (Port) was issued at a time when there was no separate NCTC scanning list and between 2019 and 2025, the operational realities have undergone a change and there is a need to review the said P. N. in light of the current practices being followed.
Direction of the Chair	- The Chair requested Mr. Jayant Sen, Executive Member, ASIC to issue a suitable circular among the members of the Shipping Association to facilitate D.O. issuance on Saturdays and extend the facilitation hours beyond the present cut off hours of 2 P.M. Mr. Sen assured the chair of his affirmative action in this regard. - The Chair then directed ADC (Port) to have a separate meeting on the issue and to examine the P. N. No. 04/2019 (Port) and its relevance given the present circumstances. - After consultation with the representatives of SMPK, the Chair also directed to examine the feasibility of keeping the part containers of DPD consignments, which are undelivered within the stipulated time, at docks by the Port Authorities for further period. Action Owner: ASIC, Port Commissionerate & Port Authority (SMPK)
Agenda Point No. 2	<u>Sponsored by President, National Association of Container Freight Stations</u> Extension of DPD/DPE facilities is currently limited to select CFS i.e. Balmer Lawrie. Extend DPD/DPE facilities to all CFSs on the similar lines as laid down under Public Notice No. 04/2019 (Port).
Remarks of the Department	<u>Comments from Port Commissionerate:-</u> Matter was already discussed in TFC meetings, and the stakeholders were advised to submit a written representation so that necessary action/review can be initiated. However, no such representation has been received till date.
Discussions	Mr. P. K Srivastava vehemently suggested that in order to

during the Meeting	ensure a level playing field, the DPD/DPE facilities currently limited to Balmer Lawrie should be extended to all the CFSs. The present Public Notice says that if any DPD/DPE containers are required to be shifted to CFS, it shall be handled by the CFS of Balmer Lawrie only. He proposed that the amendment of the relevant Public Notice may be done to the extent that if any DPD containers are required to be moved to the CFS, the same must be as per the choice of CFS exercised by the Importer/their client. 2. Mr. Ayan Sarkar, Manager, Balmer Lawrie informed that even today, if any DPD customer wants their choice of CFS, then amendment is being done and they are taking their consignments to the respective CFS.
Direction of the Chair	The Chair directed the concerned ADC of Port Commissionerate to have a separate meeting to deliberate on the issue and update the Chair accordingly so that the matter can be taken forwarded in the next meeting. Action Owner: Port Commissionerate
Agenda Point No. 3	<u>Sponsored by President, National Association of Container Freight Stations</u> Policy Implementation to permit multimodal movement (road + rail) under a single ETP from ICD Durgapur to JNPT via INCCU1 rail terminals.
Remarks of the Department	<u>Comments from Port Commissionerate:-</u> The issue was discussed in the Trade Facilitation Committee (TFC) meeting of Port Commissionerate held on 18.07.2025, wherein The Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Balmer Lawrie, highlighted that the current ICEGATE GATE module does not support cargo movement after the Let Export Order (LEO) due to the absence of dual Transit Permit (TP) functionality. Pr. Commissioner (Port) had stated that the issue would be taken up directly with DG Systems. The matter was accordingly forwarded to DG Systems; however, it continues to remain pending at their end.
Discussions during the Meeting	1. Mr P. K. Srivastav stated that at present, direct rail movement between INDUR6→JNPT isn't feasible owing to non-fulfilment of minimum rake size of ~90 TEUs due to limited export volumes at ICD Durgapur. 2. But at INCCU1, Balmer Lawries CFS provide regular services through its Rail Siding to JNCH. Hence, Export Shipments from INDUR6→JNPT requires multimodal movement: first leg by road INDUR6 → INCCU1 (Balmer Lawrie CFS) and second leg by rail INCCU1 → JNPT 3. At present, the EDI system permits filing of single ETP (INDUR6→JNPT) while Custom Officials insists on filling of two separate ETPs which isn't supported by system leading to operational deadlock and hampers the trade facilitation at hinterland ICDs.

	4. Sh. Ajeet Kumar, ADC (Port) explained that the multimodal movement so intended is entirely different from the one undertaken through docks using coastal vessel which is governed by elaborate provisions under the Customs Act, 1962 & CBIC notification relaxes various provision in this regard. 5. But in case of CFS, there is a gate module which doesn't permit customs cleared goods (LEO given at ICD) to enter into the CFS. For such movement to be allowed, there is a need to create a separate enclosure and it is one of the requirements of CBIC Circular in this regard. 6. He then reiterated that until & unless notifications to this effect is issued by the CBIC enabling customs cleared goods to enter the CFS just like the customs cleared goods enter the docks, such movement can't be allowed. 7. He also highlighted that after a lot of deliberations, it was suggested to the custodian ICD that there is a rail terminal next to Balmer Lawrie which can be used for this purpose and Balmer Lawrie had also agreed to the proposal. However, the other party didn't agree to the proposition possibly because of cost constraints. He also read out a communication from DG Systems, New Delhi which spelt out the current limitations of ETP module to capture intermediate ports like INCCU1 in the present case. 8. Shri P. K. Srivastava however begged to differ in the matter asserting that it is an interpretational confusion and maintained that Balmer Lawrie is just an extension of INCCU1. In support of his contention, he cited an example of such multi-modal transportation (road+rail) happening between ICD at Baddi and JNPT via Dadri under a single ETP. 9. He urged that this facility will benefit the trade community and will enhance the business aspects in the state.
Direction of the Chair	1. The Chair pointed out that there are two aspects to this issue. 2. As regards, the first part which is about lack of system enablement, the Chair assured that necessary steps will be taken to ensure the required functionality is made available if so feasible and if there is any interpretational issue, same shall be suitably interpreted. 3. Regarding the second aspect which is about cost constraints of the operations, the Chair commented that it is purely based on commercial considerations and interests of both parties and this needs to be sorted out between the CFS and the ICD through mutual dialogue. 4. The Chair also reiterated that the first aspect of the issue will be reviewed in the next meeting and by the next meeting, the same shall be decided. Action Owner: Port Commissionerate

Agenda Point No. 4	<u>Sponsored by RBI, Kolkata</u> The AGM, RBI, Kolkata submitted one write-up to the Chairman stating that: 1. Issues have been raised by the exporters, importers, AD Banks regarding non- integration of data between ICEGATE and RBI's EDPMS and IDPMS portal. 2. Challenges are faced to track and reconcile the proceeds received in cash and through barter mechanism in case of trade with Nepal and Bhutan. 3. It was requested to appoint a Nodal officer in Customs to take up such issues.
Direction of the Chair	The Chair directed that three Nodal Officers, preferably AC (EDI) in Port, AC (EDI) in AP & ACC and AC (Systems) in CCP may be appointed as the Nodal Officers to liaise with the RBI Officials in such issues. Action Owner: All Commissionerates

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri. Gautam Kumar, ADC (CCO).

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

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