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MINUTES OF THE 11th WEEKLY SPECIAL CCFC MEETING

A **Special Meeting of the 11th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC)** was convened under the Chairmanship of the **Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone** on **25.05.2026 at 12:30 PM** in hybrid mode at the Conference Hall, C.R. Building, Bengaluru to review issues relating to movement and clearance of import and export consignments in light of evolving global situation arising from disruptions in the Gulf region.

02. The Meeting was attended by Commissioners of Customs of the Zone-BCC, and MCC, representatives from Partner Government Agencies (PGAs), Custodians, Port authorities, Airline and Courier Operators, Steamer agents, Trade representatives, associations and other stakeholders as appended in **Annexure** to the Minutes.

03. The 11th Special Weekly CCFC Meeting commenced with the Chief Commissioner welcoming all participants and stakeholders. The Chief Commissioner observed that, based on the discussions held during the previous week, there was now greater clarity regarding cargo movement patterns, vessel positioning, and operational bottlenecks. It was noted that although certain persistent issues continued to exist, the coordinated response of partner agencies had ensured continuity of trade facilitation measures. The Chief Commissioner emphasized that the weekly review meetings were serving not only as a response mechanism to the ongoing conflict situation affecting trade and logistics, but also as a platform to assess whether the systems and facilitation measures introduced were sustainable and functioning as part of routine operations without imposing undue strain on resources.

A. Review of Sea Cargo Operations

04. Monitoring of LPG/Crude Imports:

The MCC informed that for the period from 16.05.2026 to 22.05.2026, four LPG vessels carrying 1,29,403.50 metric tonnes of LPG and two crude vessels

carrying 3,73,464.28 metric tonnes of crude oil arrived at the port. It was also reported that **63 TEUs carrying 1,084.06 metric tonnes of export cargo destined for the Middle East had sailed** during the review period. **No stuck export cargo was pending at MCC as on 22.05.2026**, and no requests relating to free export documents or fee waiver had been received.

During discussions, the Chief Commissioner sought clarification regarding the **origin of the LPG vessels**. It was informed by the Commissioner, MCC that two vessels had originated from the **USA** and two from the **UAE**. The Chief Commissioner directed that future reporting should distinguish vessel origins clearly, particularly in view of evolving international developments and disruptions in Gulf-region shipping routes.

05. Decongestion and Export Cargo Management:

The issue relating to returned export cargo was also discussed in detail. It was clarified that **eleven containers carrying coffee beans exported to Kuwait had returned** during the week in **two separate vessels**. The Commissioner, MCC informed that the cargo was being **permitted back to town** based on requests received from exporters under the relevant **facilitation circulars**. The Chief Commissioner advised that **weekly data** should be reported strictly for the review period concerned instead of cumulative monthly figures, so as to enable accurate **trend analysis**.

B. Review of Air Cargo Operations

06. It was reported by the ACC that during the period from 18.05.2026 to 24.05.2026, **five cargo flights and eight passenger flights had been cancelled**. The cancellations resulted in an estimated **import loss of 90 metric tonnes** and **export loss of 208 metric tonnes**. However, there was **no stuck export cargo pending at ACC**, and no requests for free export documents, fee waiver, or permissions relating to pets had been received during the review period.

The Commissioner, ACC informed that while cancellations continued, stakeholders had gradually adapted to the disruptions and **no major operational concerns had been escalated** recently. The Chief Commissioner directed that, for the next meeting, consolidated data for the entire month of May should be prepared regarding cancelled commercial, passenger, and cargo flights. Additionally, the data should indicate the **origin points of cancelled flights** in order to identify whether repeated cancellations were **occurring from the same sectors** and whether **such flights should continue to be scheduled**.

C. Review of Courier Cargo Operations

07. With regard to the ACC Courier Terminal, it was reported by the ACC that **five cargo flights had been cancelled** during the review period, while **no passenger flight cancellations** were recorded. **No import or export losses** were reported due to these cancellations, and there was **no stuck**

export cargo pending at the courier terminal as on 24.05.2026. No requests relating to export documents or fee waiver had been received.

The Commissioner, ACC informed that **Courier Operators** and **Freight Forwarders** had **largely adjusted to the prevailing disruptions** and no new operational issues had emerged during the week.

D. Review of Land Cargo (ICDs) Operations

08. It was reported by the Commissioner, BCC that the **two TEUs carrying 10.32 metric tonnes of export cargo had been cleared** during the review period and that **no stuck export cargo remained pending at BCC ICD as on 21.05.2026.** No requests relating to export document waiver had been received.

The Chief Commissioner observed discrepancies in the reporting period adopted by different formations and directed all Commissionerates to **submit operational data only on Monday mornings** before the meeting so that uniform data covering the period up to the preceding Sunday could be presented and analyzed.

The issue relating to **two returned TEUs** was also discussed. It was clarified by the Commissioner, BCC that the containers had **originally moved to Nhava Sheva during February-March 2026 and were now returning due to the prevailing Gulf situation.** It was further informed that **“shut out” procedures had been initiated** once the containers reached BCC ICD. The Chief Commissioner enquired whether the reasons for return cargo were being verified and whether any distinction was required between **Gulf-related disruptions** and **other commercial reasons.** It was clarified that the Customs formation acted based on the exporter’s request for return cargo processing.

E. Review of FPO Operations

09. It was reported by the BCC that **84 export articles remained pending** as on 22.05.2026, including **73 articles struck since March 2026.** The position remained unchanged from the previous week.

The Commissioner, BCC informed that the Department of Posts had indicated that decisions regarding **alternative logistics arrangements would require guidance from their Headquarters.** It was further clarified that **once Let Export Order (LEO) had been granted and custody of the goods transferred,** the responsibility remained with the **postal authorities,** and **Customs had limited scope for further intervention.**

It was also noted that **none of the consignors** whose articles had remained pending since March 2026 **had approached Customs authorities for intervention.** The Chief Commissioner further instructed that, by the next meeting, a study should be conducted regarding the **destinations of the pending postal articles** and whether courier flight connectivity existed for

those destinations, so as **to intimate the DoP of possible alternative transportation mechanisms for further action at their end.**

10. Stakeholder Issues:

The Chief Commissioner invited trade representatives and stakeholders to raise operational concerns or suggestions. Representatives from the trade stated that **no major issues were presently being faced** and **acknowledged** that the facilitation measures and monitoring mechanisms introduced by **Customs formations were functioning satisfactorily**. The stakeholders also welcomed the suggestions made during the meeting regarding analysis of flight cancellations and operational trends.

11. Concluding Remarks by the Chief Commissioner:

The Chief Commissioner noted with satisfaction that the coordinated efforts of Customs formations, partner government agencies, logistics operators, and trade stakeholders had **ensured continuity in cargo movement and trade facilitation** despite the prevailing disruptions in international shipping and air connectivity. The Chief Commissioner emphasized that the weekly review mechanism had enabled timely identification and **resolution of operational issues** and had also helped **assess the effectiveness of the facilitation measures** introduced during the current situation.

The Chief Commissioner further stressed the importance of maintaining **uniformity and accuracy in reporting formats** across all formations so that meaningful comparative analysis and trend assessment could be undertaken. Particular emphasis was placed on the need to monitor recurring flight cancellations, returned export cargo, and long-pending postal consignments so as to identify practical solutions and alternative logistics arrangements wherever feasible.

The Chief Commissioner directed all formations to continue close coordination with stakeholders and partner agencies and **to remain vigilant in monitoring emerging operational challenges**. The meeting concluded with **appreciation for the proactive efforts of all concerned formations and stakeholders** in ensuring smooth trade facilitation and minimizing disruption to import and export operations.

12. Directions for Next Special Weekly CCFC Meeting:

1. Review of Import Operations at MCC

- Status of LPG and crude vessel arrivals during the review period.
- Country-wise breakup of vessel origins
- Assessment of any emerging issues in petroleum and bulk cargo handling.

2. Review of Export Cargo Movement at MCC

- Status of export cargo movement to Middle East destinations.
- Review of returned export containers and reasons for return.
- Action taken under relevant facilitation circulars for “back to town” permissions.

3. Analysis of Flight Cancellations at ACC

- Consolidated weekly and monthly data on cancelled cargo and passenger flights.
- Origin-wise analysis of cancelled flights.
- Assessment of import/export cargo impact due to flight cancellations.
- Examination of recurring cancellations from specific sectors.

4. Review of ACC Courier Operations

- Status of courier cargo movement and flight disruptions.
- Operational issues, if any, reported by courier operators and stakeholders.
- Review of stuck export cargo position, if any.

5. Review of ICD Operations

- Status of stuck export cargo and shut-out cargo at BCC ICD.
- Review of return cargo linked to Gulf-region disruptions.
- Monitoring of requests relating to re-import and back-to-town procedures.

6. Review of Foreign Post Office (FPO) Operations

- Status of pending postal export articles.
- Destination-wise analysis of long-pending postal consignments.
- Feasibility of alternative movement through courier channels for affected destinations.
- Coordination status with Department of Posts.

7. Data Reporting and Monitoring Mechanism

- Standardization of reporting timelines and formats across formations.
- Submission of weekly data covering period up to Sunday for uniform analysis.

8. Trade and Stakeholder Feedback

- Issues faced by exporters, importers, airlines, shipping lines, courier operators, and trade representatives.
- Suggestions for additional facilitation measures.

13. The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner.

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ANNEXURE
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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6	Nitish Karnatak	Joint Commr	BCC
7	Biju Thomas	Addl. Commr	MCC
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11	Sanjay Pareek	Superintendent	PAD, BCC
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