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MINUTES OF THE 6th SPECIAL CCFC MEETING

A **Special Meeting of the 6th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC)** was convened under the Chairmanship of the **Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone** on **17.04.2026 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-AP&ACC, and MCC, representatives from Partner Government Agencies (PGAs), Custodians, Port authorities, Airline and Courier Operators, Steamer agents, Postal authorities, Trade representatives, associations and other stakeholders as appended in **Annexure** to the Minutes.

03. The meeting commenced with the Chief Commissioner welcoming all participants and highlighting two key trade facilitation measures issued during the week. He highlighted the salient features of Circular No. 19/2026 dated 10 April 2026 which addresses the issue of stuck cargo originating from SEZ and introduces a significant relaxation by removing the requirement of returning containers to the originating SEZ as well as Circular No. 21/2026 dated 15 April 2026 which deals with the procedure for re-import of cargo that had already landed at intermediate foreign ports. Commissioners were advised to issue Public Notices wherever not already done and to ensure effective implementation of these measures.

A. Review of Sea Cargo Operations

04. Monitoring of LPG/Crude Imports: The Commissioner, MCC informed that during the period 10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026, three LPG vessels carrying 48,708 MT and three Crude vessels carrying 5,24,627 MT had arrived at Mangaluru Port. No export cargo was loaded for Middle East during the week, and **there was no stuck export cargo as on 16.04.2026.**

05. Decongestion and Export Cargo Management: The Chief Commissioner noted that while nil pendency is a positive indicator, the absence of export activity appeared unusual. The Commissioner, MCC informed that export cargo is scheduled for loading in the coming week, indicating that the **current status is due to vessel scheduling**. The Commissioner also reported that **crude imports are being sourced from multiple regions** such as Russia and Africa, whereas **LPG imports remain largely dependent on the Middle East**.

B. Review of Air Cargo Operations

06. The Commissioner, AP&ACC informed that four freighter flights and thirty-one passenger flights were cancelled during the period 10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026, resulting in an import loss of 114 MT and export loss of 266 MT. It was noted that **28 MT of export cargo, which had arrived during this period and had got stuck, was also cleared during the same period**. It was further reported that there was no stuck export cargo as on 16.04.2026.

C. Review of Courier Cargo Operations

07. The Commissioner, AP&ACC informed that during the period 10.04.2026 to 16.04.2026, four FedEx flights and four commercial flights were cancelled. However, these cancellations did not result in any import or export loss, indicating effective cargo management and minimal disruption to operations. **It was further reported that there was no stuck export cargo as on 16.04.2026** and no requests were received from the trade for fee waiver or disposal under PETS. Additionally, the flights for which international transshipment permission had been granted have not yet commenced operations.

D. Review of Land Cargo (ICDs) Operations

08. It was informed by the Commissioner, BCC that eight TEUs comprising **98.03 MT of export cargo which had arrived during this period and had got stuck, was also cleared during the same period**, and **no cargo remained pending**. It was further reported that there was no stuck export cargo as on 16.04.2026.

E. Review of FPO Operations

09. The issue of pending postal export articles at FPO was discussed in detail. It was informed by the Commissioner, BCC that as on 16.04.2026, 254 articles were identified as stuck, out of which 145 Articles of original 598 had been stuck since the first week of March 2026. Commissioner, BCC informed that these pending articles are primarily destined for specific countries such as Bahrain, Ethiopia, Israel, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kuwait, where **logistical constraints or lack of alternate routes** are causing delays. It was further noted that while FPO Bengaluru has stopped accepting bookings for these destinations, consignments continue to be **booked in hinterland locations**

due to lack of proper communication, eventually leading to accumulation at Bengaluru.

The Chief Commissioner requested the Department of Posts to **strengthen communication** with all hinterland booking centers to prevent further inflow of such consignments. Additionally, details of the senders of these 145 articles are to be obtained to **facilitate targeted resolution**.

The representative from the Department of Posts informed that no requests have been received from senders for return of the pending articles and that further action will depend on directions from higher authorities.

10. Stakeholder Issues: Trade representatives from KASSIA **appreciated the prompt handling of a specific export consignment by the Air Cargo Complex** and suggested exploring alternative arrangements, such as routing postal cargo through passenger flights. The Chief Commissioner advised that a letter giving specific details of such cargo may be submitted because as on record no export cargo was stuck in the Zone, except at the FPO, so that feasible solutions can be examined in coordination with all stakeholders.

11. Implementation of Trade Facilitation Measures: The Chief Commissioner emphasized the importance of continuous monitoring of cargo movement, timely identification of bottlenecks, and proactive coordination among stakeholders. Special attention was drawn to the need for better communication by the Department of Post to prevent accumulation of cargo due to avoidable reasons such as lack of awareness in hinterland booking centers. All field formations were advised to remain vigilant to ensure prompt resolution of issues as they arise.

12. Overall Assessment: The Chief Commissioner noted that the overall performance during the period was satisfactory, with no accumulation of stuck export cargo and timely clearance of delayed consignments. Import operations remained stable and aligned with expected trends. Minor concerns such as temporary absence of export movement and instances of “optimism cargo” were attributed to scheduling and communication gaps rather than systemic issues. However, the pendency at the FPO requires continued attention. Overall, operations were smooth with effective coordination and minimal trade disruption.

13. Concluding Remarks by the Chief Commissioner: In his concluding remarks, the Chief Commissioner expressed the expectation that coordinated efforts and improved communication would lead to better outcomes in the coming weeks.

14. Action Points for Next Special CCFC Meeting: It was decided that all the field formations of the Zone should continue to ensure:

- Proactive communication with trade and stakeholders
- Real-time issue identification and escalation
- Optimal utilization of trade facilitation measures

- Dynamic deployment of officers for urgent clearances
- Weekly reporting of EXIM trends, disruptions, and mitigation actions

15. 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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