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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION
COMMITTEE (CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 05.05.2026**

A special session of the Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) of Kolkata Customs Zone was convened on **05.05.2026 (Tuesday)** from **4.00 P.M.** onwards in the Board Room, Custom House, Kolkata in hybrid mode under the chairmanship of **Shri Shrawan Kumar**, Principal Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Customs Zone.

The following stakeholders attended the meeting in person in the Board Room, Custom House, Kolkata:

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS		
Sl. No.	Name of the Attendees (S/Sh/Ms)	Designation & Commissionerate/Organisation
1	Atul Saxena	PC (Port)
2	Vinayak Azad	PC (AP & ACC/CCP, W.B)
3	Ajeet Kumar	ADC (A & A)
4	Shiv Pratap Singh	ADC (CCP)
5	Gautam Kr. Tiwary	ADC (Port)
6	Annu Darin	ADC (A & A)
7	Mohsina Tabassum	ADC (Port)
8	Sanjay Bangartale	ADC (Port)
9	Sukhbir Singh Ahuja	ADC (CCO)
10	Nitin Chand Negi	ADC (CCO/Port)
11	Shilpi Srivastava	JC (A & A)
12	Ujjal Roy	AC (CCO)
13	Manoj Kumar Chaudhary	SCP (CCO)
14	Tariprasad Das	PO (CCO)
PGA/TRADE REPRESENTATIVES		
15	Pramod Kr. Srivastava	President, NACFS
16	Debashis Dasgupta	Member, NACFS
17	Deepak Kumar	Phonex CFS
18	Md. Kamal Hasan	Phonex CFS
19	S K Ghosh	Secretary, CCHAA

20	Dushyant Mulani	FFFAI
21	P C Maity	V.P, CCHAA
22	Mannu Choudhary	President, CCHAA

The following stakeholders attended the meeting in virtual mode through Video Conferencing.

PGA/TRADE REPRESENTATIVES		
Sl. No.	Name of the Attendees (S/Sh/Ms)	Designation & Commissionerate/Organisation
1	Sujit Chakraborty	President, BNCCI
2	Avijit Dey	Hyundai Merchant Marine Line
3	*Name not available*	Balmer Lawrie CFS

1. At the outset, the ADC (CCO) welcomed all participants and invited them to introduce themselves. Since, no agenda point was raised by any of the stakeholders, he requested the Chair to address the gathering.
2. The Chair extended a warm welcome to all and noted with concern the poor attendance from trade/PGA representatives in the meeting. He further urged other relevant agencies to attend these sessions, so that issues faced by trade can be holistically resolved through multi-agency coordination. He emphasized that such participation would enrich the forum by bringing diverse perspectives to the discussion.
3. The Chair then invited both departmental officers as well as trade representatives to highlight issues, if any, that require resolution through mutual coordination.
4. Mr. Mannu Choudhary (CCHAA) appreciated the swift action undertaken by the Department in facilitating trade since the onset of the West Asia crisis. However, he raised concern regarding non-cooperation by NVOCCs, including the imposition of heavy bills even during the crisis period, which is adversely affecting the trading community. He further highlighted that, since NVOCCs are not registered, there is no formal channel available for stakeholders to provide suggestions or seek redressal against their misdoings.
5. Mr. Dushyant Mulani (FFFAI) informed that the issue relating to NVOCCs had already been raised in a joint task force meeting convened under the leadership of DGFT and duly acknowledged by DG (Shipping). He stated that DG (Shipping) had assured that a process would be initiated for registration of cargo consolidators and NVOCCs. He further informed that exporters have been advised to flag issues through a dedicated helpdesk set up by DG (Shipping), which is interacting with these agencies on their behalf. He emphasized the need for formal registration of such agencies to ensure accountability, noting that the matter has already been addressed to the Ministry of Shipping in view of their critical role in filing EGMs and cargo manifests.
6. He also appreciated the proactive measures of CBIC in issuing circulars facilitating the return of export cargo from international waters due to closure of Strait of Hormuz, which has brought transparency and convenience to trade operations.
7. Mr. P.K. Srivastava (NACFS) appreciated the cooperation extended by departmental officers in addressing their concerns and acknowledged the utility of the CCFC forum in amicably resolving issues raised. He also tendered a few suggestions regarding the

functioning of CCFC, which were duly noted.

8. Sh. Ajeet Kumar (ADC) also thanked the trade bodies and agencies for their cooperation in implementing various trade facilitation measures and sought their continuing support going forward.
9. Mr. Sujit Chakraborty (BNCCI) informed that the export scenario has shown improvement and that their clients have adjusted to the changing circumstances arising from the closure of the Hormuz Strait through mutual understanding between importers and exporters. He noted that such cooperative arrangements have helped sustain trade flows despite the prevailing regional challenges.
10. Mr. Avijit Dey (Hyundai Merchant Line) raised the issue of long-standing containers lying at different CFS and yards and highlighted that their disposal rate has been very stagnant and requested for expeditious issuance of NOC in respect of those containers for their disposal by way of auctioning.
11. Sh. Ajeet Kumar (ADC) pointed out that most of the long-standing containers lying undisposed are held up by investigating agencies such as DRI, SI&IB and are stuck in litigation. The Chair directed that the matter may be taken up with DRI through a meeting to expedite the issuance of NOC so that their disposal can be undertaken.
(Action Owner: Port Commissionerate)
12. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all participants.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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