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MINUTES OF THE 4th SPECIAL CCFC MEETING

A **Special Meeting of the 4th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC)** was convened under the Chairmanship of the **Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone** on **02.04.2026 at 05:00 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. In his opening remarks, the Chief Commissioner welcomed the participants and noted that this was an appropriate time to undertake an impact analysis covering the month of March 2026 which would involve a comprehensive review of the status of Stuck Cargo and the effectiveness of Trade Facilitation measures implemented during this period.

A. Review of Sea Cargo Operations

04. Monitoring of LPG Imports: The Commissioner, MCC informed that during March 2026, only 1,56,477 MT LPG in five vessels had been imported, which reflected a significant decline of app. 60% compared to the average monthly import of LPG during the period April 2025 to February 2026. It was also informed that while the Customs authorities are in constant touch with the major LPG importers, they are managing the situation independently and have not sought any specific intervention from Customs.

05. Monitoring of Crude Imports: The Commissioner, MCC informed that during March 2026, 993706.08 MT Crude in nine vessels had been imported, which corresponded to the average monthly imports of Crude during the period

April 2025 to February 2026. As such, there appeared no significant concerns regarding the import of Crude from Mangaluru Port.

06. Decongestion and Export Cargo Management: The Commissioner, MCC informed that **135 TEUs (1,688.56 metric tons) of export cargo had been shipped to the Middle East during March 2026 and no vessels carrying export cargo had returned during this period. It was also informed that during March 2026, 30 TEUs (463.88 MT) of Stuck Cargo had been cleared and no export cargo remained stuck as on 31.03.2026.**

B. Review of Air Cargo Operations

07. Impact of Flight Cancellations on Air Cargo Operations (ACC): The Commissioner, AP&ACC informed that during March 2026, a total of **53 cargo flights and 271 passenger flights** were cancelled, significantly impacting cargo movement. As a result, the estimated **import cargo loss was 2516 MT**, while the estimated **export cargo loss was 3764 MT**.

08. Decongestion of impacted export cargo: The Commissioner, AP&ACC informed that **during March 2026, 201 MT (273 shipments) of Stuck Cargo had been cleared and only 08 MT (22 Shipments) of export cargo remained stuck as on 31.03.2026**, which was also expected to be cleared soon. During discussions, it was observed that Air Cargo is generally being cleared within one to two days through rerouting arrangements, and no further congestion is expected. The Chief Commissioner clarified that cargo should be categorized as “stuck” only when the scheduled flight is cancelled and not in cases of procedural delays or rescheduling of flights.

C. Review of Courier Cargo Operations

09. The Commissioner, AP&ACC informed that during March 2026, **34 cargo flights and 07 passenger flights** carrying Courier articles were cancelled, impacting Courier movement. It was also informed that **no export cargo was stuck at the ICT as on 31.03.2026**.

D. Review of Land Cargo (ICDs) Operations

10. Decongestion and Export Cargo Management: It was reported that **during March 2026, 278.304 MT (103 TEUs) of Stuck Cargo had been cleared from the ICDs**. It was also informed that as on 26.03.2026, **no export cargo was stuck at the ICDs**.

E. Review of FPO Operations

11. Decongestion and Export Cargo Management: It was reported that **during March 2026, 453 Stuck Export articles had been cleared from the FPO**. It was also reported that as on 31.03.2026, **217 export articles were stuck at FPO**, out of which 145 articles were pending since the first week of March 2026 while the remaining 72 articles had arrived at the FPO

recently for export due to a perceived improved export sentiment. The Chief Commissioner expressed concern over the long pendency of the 145 articles and directed that the matter should be taken up again with Postal authorities immediately.

12. Stakeholder Issues: During the interaction, the issue of detention, storage and demurrage charges being levied on part shipments, where the full consignment has not arrived, was raised. The Chief Commissioner advised that this issue may be formally raised in PTFC or CCFC Meetings for detailed consideration.

13. Implementation of Trade Facilitation Measures: The Chief Commissioner observed that the proactive use of these measures has contributed to minimizing cargo congestion and ensuring continuity of trade operations despite external disruptions. In this respect, it was reported that **11 requests for waiver of export-related charges had been received and all had been immediately approved by the field formations.**

14. Overall Assessment: The Chief Commissioner observed that despite significant disruptions caused by flight cancellations and external geopolitical factors, the Bengaluru Customs Zone has ensured minimal cargo pendency, effective decongestion and uninterrupted clearance operations. Air Cargo and Courier segments are operating smoothly with negligible backlog, while ICD and FPO pendency is being actively managed and reduced.

15. Concluding Remarks by the Chief Commissioner: In his concluding remarks, the Chief Commissioner appreciated the efforts of all formations in effectively managing the situation and ensuring minimal disruption to trade. He noted that the substantial reduction in stuck cargo is a result of proactive monitoring and coordinated action. He stated that while the Crude imports appeared to have been stabilized, the decline in LPG imports requires continued attention. The Chief Commissioner emphasized the importance of sustained coordination among stakeholders, timely response to emerging issues and maintaining readiness to address any sudden disruptions. It was reiterated that Weekly Meetings will continue to ensure that the current stable position is maintained and all issues are addressed in real time.

16. 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

17. The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner.

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ANNEXURE

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