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MINUTES OF THE 7th WEEKLY SPECIAL CCFC MEETING

A **Special Meeting of the 7th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC)** was convened under the Chairmanship of the **Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone** on **24.04.2026 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, Trade representatives, associations and other stakeholders as appended in **Annexure** to the Minutes.

03. The Chief Commissioner welcomed all participants to the seventh special CCFC meeting. It was observed that the prevailing situation has now reached a plateau, transitioning from an evolving phase to a more stable but constrained environment. While this stability aids in streamlining responses, it has also resulted in accumulated backlog in the form of stuck cargo, including delayed imports and exports. The focus of the meeting was therefore directed towards assessing preparedness and response mechanisms to handle these challenges effectively.

A. Review of Sea Cargo Operations

04. Monitoring of LPG/Crude Imports:

During the week (17.04.2026 to 23.04.2026), one LPG vessel carrying 27,838.25 MT was received. It was noted that a crude vessel had also arrived but was not reflected in the main table and instead mentioned as a footnote. The Chief Commissioner clarified that all arrivals of crude and LPG must be consistently reflected in the main reporting table irrespective of the cargo's final destination or internal allocation.

A comparative trend analysis was given by the ADC, MCC:

- Pre-crisis averages indicated ~0.25 million MT/month for LPG and ~1 million MT/month for crude.
- LPG imports have shown a decline post-crisis.
- Crude imports appear relatively stable due to diversified sourcing.

Further it was informed by the ADC, MCC that:

- ~5.24 lakh MT crude has already been received in April.
- ~5.13 lakh MT is expected from incoming vessels.

The Chief Commissioner directed that a detailed comparative analysis for March 2026 vs April 2026 be presented in the next meeting, particularly to assess:

- Whether LPG decline has deepened further.
- Whether crude volumes continue to remain stable.

(Action: Commissioner, MCC)

05. Decongestion and Export Cargo Management:

For the week under review, it was reported by the ADC, MCC that:

- Export cargo to the Middle East: 332.4 MT (22 TEUs).
- No stuck cargo reported.
- No vessel cancellations or return cargo.
- No waiver requests received.

The Chief Commissioner highlighted the absence of “optimism cargo” (cargo brought in anticipation of export but getting stuck) at Mangaluru Port, which contrasts with trends observed in air and land cargo. Three possible reasons were identified for examination:

- a) Better communication by Port Authorities.
- b) Higher awareness among exporters.
- c) Absence of vessel cancellations.

A detailed analysis was directed for the next meeting.

(Action: Commissioner, MCC)

B. Review of Air Cargo Operations

06. It was reported by the ACC for the week under review that:

- 6 cargo flights and 30 passenger flights were cancelled.
- Import loss: 132 MT.
- Export loss: 337 MT.
- Stuck export cargo cleared: 10 MT.
- No cargo pending as of 23.04.2026.

The Chief Commissioner noted the recurring presence of “optimism cargo” in air cargo operations and directed an analysis to determine:

- Whether the same destinations are repeatedly facing cancellations.
- Whether exporters are still sending cargo despite known disruptions.

A comparison was drawn with courier operations where better communication appears to prevent such occurrences.

(Action: Commissioner, ACC)

C. Review of Courier Cargo Operations

07. It was reported by the Commissioner, ACC that the courier segment demonstrated complete operational stability during the week, with:

- Zero backlog
- Zero stuck cargo
- Zero waiver requests

Courier cargo reflected nil stuck cargo, indicating effective communication mechanisms that prevent cargo from entering the system when disruptions are known. The Chief Commissioner suggested examining whether similar communication protocols can be implemented in air cargo operations.

(Action: Commissioner, ACC)

D. Review of Land Cargo (ICDs) Operations

08. It was reported by the BCC (ICD) for the week under review that:

- Stuck cargo cleared: 49.06 MT.
- No cargo pending as of 23.04.2026.
- No waiver requests received.

However, instances of cargo arriving for export and getting stuck despite eventual cancellations were noted. It was clarified by the Commissioner, BCC that:

- Majority of affected cargo was destined for UAE.
- Some shipments (e.g., Canada, Maldives) were unrelated to the prevailing crisis and should be excluded from analysis.

The Chief Commissioner emphasized the need to:

- Identify whether cargo is repeatedly getting stuck at downstream ports (e.g., Chennai/Mumbai).
- Examine the supply chain movement leading to such occurrences as well as the role of Shipping Lines in not issuing Form 13s.

(Action: Commissioner, BCC)

E. Review of FPO Operations

09. It was reported by the BCC for the week under review that:

- Total stuck cargo earlier: 598 articles → reduced to 145 → now 84.
- Out of 84:
 - 11 articles categorized as “optimism cargo”.
 - 73 articles remain from earlier backlog dating back to first week of March.

Further the Commissioner, BCC reported that during the week:

- 170 articles were cleared, including ~72 older backlog items (~50% clearance).

It was clarified that:

- Cleared cargo was successfully exported, not returned (unlike air/ICD cases).
- No “back-to-town” cases in postal exports as alternative routes were found.

However, concern was raised regarding the remaining 73 stuck articles:

- These are mostly routine goods (apparel, footwear, household items, documents, etc.).
- Despite being stuck for nearly 2 months, consignors have not requested return.

The Chief Commissioner observed that this behavior is unusual and directed:

- Verification whether the Department of Posts has informed the consignors.
- Confirmation that consignors are aware their goods are still pending export.
- Examination of possible underlying reasons (e.g., lack of awareness, abandonment, or miscommunication).

(Action: Commissioner, BCC)

10. Stakeholder Issues: No specific issues or grievances were formally raised by trade stakeholders during the meeting.

11. Overall Assessment: The Chief Commissioner noted that overall Performance across formations remains stable and well-managed despite disruptions. Ports and ICDs show no backlog, and courier operations are fully streamlined. Air cargo continues to face flight-related disruptions and optimism cargo, indicating scope for better communication. Postal cargo has improved with significant backlog clearance, though some residual cases require follow-up. Overall, the system has adapted effectively, with focus now needed on preventive communication and stakeholder alignment.

12. Concluding Remarks by the Chief Commissioner: In his concluding remarks, the Chief Commissioner emphasized on data-driven analysis and improved communication mechanisms across all cargo streams. The Chief Commissioner reiterated that while operational stability has improved systemic inefficiencies such as optimism cargo and communication gaps must be addressed proactively.

13. Key Analytical Directions for Next Special CCFC Meeting:

- a) **MCC:** Comparative March 2026 vs April 2026 import trend (LPG and crude).
- b) **Port Cargo:** Absence of optimism cargo—root cause analysis.
- c) **Air Cargo:** Destination-wise cancellation pattern and repeat optimism cargo.
- d) **ICD:** Supply chain analysis of cargo getting stuck downstream.
- e) **Postal Cargo:** Confirmation of exporter awareness and behavioral analysis of unclaimed cargo.

14. 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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