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MINUTES OF THE 8th WEEKLY SPECIAL CCFC MEETING

A **Special Meeting of the 8th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC)** was convened under the Chairmanship of the **Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone** on **30.04.2026 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 meeting commenced with a welcome address to all participants. The Chief Commissioner observed that the ongoing situation has now persisted for nearly two months, providing sufficient time for field formations and trade to **adapt to new operational practices**. It was noted that several earlier deviations have now become part of routine functioning, and the focus of the meeting was to assess how effectively these practices have been institutionalized and their impact on import and export operations.

A. Review of Sea Cargo Operations

04. Monitoring of LPG/Crude Imports:

MCC Commissioner informed that during the last week of April, **two LPG vessels carrying 38,400 MT** and **two crude vessels carrying approximately 4.12 lakh MT** were handled at Mangaluru Port.

MCC Commissioner further informed that:

- **Crude imports have stabilized**, maintaining levels comparable to pre-crisis monthly averages (~1 million MT).

- **LPG imports have shown improvement**, increasing from ~1.56 lakh MT in the previous month to ~1.8 lakh MT in the current month, though still below the pre-crisis average of ~2.5 lakh MT.

05. Decongestion and Export Cargo Management:

For the week under review, it was reported by the Commissioner MCC that a significant **increase in export movement** was also observed, with volumes showing a **four to five-fold rise compared to the previous week**. This was attributed to the **adoption of alternate multimodal logistics routes**, wherein cargo is being routed via Mundra to Oman and subsequently transported by land to final destinations, thereby avoiding disrupted maritime corridors.

It was further confirmed that:

- **No “optimism cargo” was observed at the port**, as all vessels are sailing from Mangaluru without returning and shipments are reaching their destinations.
- Approximately **96% of containers are reaching final destinations**, while the remaining are in transit and expected to be delivered shortly.

This reflects **efficient supply chain adaptation and effective rerouting strategies**.

B. Review of Air Cargo Operations

06. It was reported by the ACC for the period from **24.04.2026 to 29.04.2026** under review that:

- **5 cargo flights and 30 passenger flights** were cancelled.
- Estimated **import loss: 90 MT**.
- Estimated **export loss: 252 MT**.

It was informed that around **2 MT of export cargo categorized as “optimism cargo”** had been reported during the period as “stuck” and same was subsequently cleared by Back to Town.

It was reported by the Commissioner, ACC regarding **cancellations of flights** that during the review period, cancellations of cargo and passenger flights at the Air Cargo Complex were **not confined to any single destination but spread across multiple routes**. Analysis indicates that **different destinations were affected on different days**, rather than a recurring disruption to specific sectors. As a result, exporters continued to bring cargo into the system in anticipation of movement. However, given that such cargo is typically **exported within a short duration (often by the next available flight)**, the impact of these cancellations has been **temporary and operationally manageable**, without leading to significant accumulation or long-term backlog.

C. Review of Courier Cargo Operations

07. It was reported by the ACC for the same period that

- **4 commercial flights were cancelled.**
- **No import or export loss was reported.**
- **No stuck cargo or backlog** was observed.

Regarding “optimism cargo,” it was clarified by the Commissioner, ACC that:

- Cargo arriving in anticipation of export is typically **cleared within the next day.**
- Exporters are **not adversely affected**, as delays are minimal.
- All such cargo is **eventually exported**, and no back-to-town cases arise.

This indicates **a negligible disruption impact** in courier operations.

D. Review of Land Cargo (ICDs) Operations

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

- **8 TEUs (63.36 MT)** of stuck export cargo were cleared during the week.
- **No pendency remained** as on 28.04.2026.

It was further reported that:

- The affected cargo had already moved out of ICD towards ports such as **Nava Sheva and Chennai** but was **subsequently returned due to downstream disruptions.**
- Reasons included **vessel non-sailing, delays at transshipment hubs (e.g., Colombo), and rerouting decisions.**

The Chief Commissioner directed that future reporting may **segregate cases** into:

- a. Cargo meant for export that did not move out from the ICD.
- b. Cargo that moved out from the ICD but returned due to external disruptions.

This will help in assessing the role of **shipping lines and supply chain coordination.**

(Action: Commissioner, BCC)

E. Review of FPO Operations

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

- **No cargo was cleared during the week.**
- **Total pending cargo remains at 84 articles**, including:
 - **11 articles categorized as “optimism cargo”**
 - **73 legacy backlog articles**

It was further confirmed that:

- The Department of Posts has **informed the consignors.**
- Some consignors have also proactively contacted the authorities.
- Consignors have expressed willingness to **wait further, rather than recall the cargo.**

The stuck cargo primarily consists of **household and routine items**. A significant portion is destined for **Israel, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan**, with smaller quantities for other countries.

The Chief Commissioner noted the need to:

- Analyze **routing patterns and hub dependencies**, as cargo to certain destinations appears to be routed through intermediate hubs (e.g., UAE).
- Understand why such consignments remain affected despite being unrelated to primary disruption zones.

(Action: Commissioner, BCC)

10. Stakeholder Issues:

Trade representatives present in the meeting **did not raise any specific issues or grievances**. They informed that:

- Importers and exporters are being **adequately advised about the prevailing situation.**
- Trade is exercising **caution and risk aversion**, avoiding unnecessary or uncertain shipments.

This indicates **improved awareness and alignment of trade with current logistics conditions.**

11. Overall Assessment:

- Supply chains are increasingly **adapting through alternate routing and multimodal transport solutions.**
- **Crude imports have stabilized**, while LPG imports are gradually recovering.
- **Courier and port operations are functioning efficiently** with minimal disruption.

- **Air cargo and ICD operations continue to face external uncertainties**, though managed effectively.
- **Postal cargo remains an area requiring deeper analysis**, particularly regarding routing and consignor behavior.

12. Concluding Remarks by the Chief Commissioner: The meeting concluded with **appreciation** for the efforts of all formations and stakeholders in **maintaining operational continuity** under challenging conditions. The need for **continuous monitoring, analytical review, and adaptive strategies** was reiterated.

13. Directions for Next Special CCFC Meeting:

The Chief Commissioner emphasized continued focus on **data-driven monitoring, supply chain analysis, and stakeholder communication** to sustain operational efficiency.

14. The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner.

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3. Commissioner of Mangalore Customs, Mangalore.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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