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MINUTES OF THE 10th WEEKLY SPECIAL CCFC MEETING

A **Special Meeting of the 10th Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC)** was convened under the Chairmanship of the **Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone** on **18.05.2026 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- BCC, 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. At the outset, the Chief Commissioner observed that more than ten weeks had elapsed since the developments affecting the South/West Asian maritime region and noted that the overall situation continued to remain uncertain. The Chief Commissioner informed the participants that, vide **Circular No. 25/2026 dated 14.05.2026**, all the relaxation and facilitation measures already in force had been **extended up to 30.06.2026**. All stakeholders and field formations were advised to make effective use of the extended facilitation measures. It was also stated that the Circular was available in the public domain and assistance would be provided wherever required.

A. Review of Sea Cargo Operations

04. Monitoring of LPG/Crude Imports:

The Commissioner, MCC informed that during the period from 08.05.2026 to 15.05.2026, one LPG vessel carrying 38,119.96 MT and two crude oil vessels carrying 1,95,217.78 MT had arrived at Mangaluru Port. It was further informed that as on date, two additional crude vessels carrying approximately 3.74 lakh MT and two LPG vessels carrying around 66,570 MT had also arrived from USA and UAE.

During the discussion, the Chief Commissioner emphasized that future monitoring should **focus specifically on LPG imports**, including the **source country** and **whether the vessels were traversing the Strait of Hormuz**. It was observed that while **crude oil sourcing had diversified considerably**, LPG continued to remain a sensitive commodity requiring closer monitoring.

05. Decongestion and Export Cargo Management:

For the week under review, it was reported by the Commissioner MCC that **export cargo loaded and sailed to the Middle East** during the review period was **Nil**. **No stuck export cargo** was reported, and **no export vessels had returned** during the said period. Further, no requests for export document fee waiver had been received.

The Chief Commissioner observed that the return cargo reported in the previous meeting appeared to be an aberration. However, concern was expressed regarding the **absence of outward sailing during the week**. It was informed by the Commissioner MCC that **export cargo was ready and vessels were expected shortly**. It was decided that the position would be reviewed again in the next meeting.

B. Review of Air Cargo Operations

06. It was reported by the Joint Commissioner, ACC that during the period from 08.05.2026 to 17.05.2026, **eight cargo flights and fourteen passenger flights had been cancelled**. As a result, **import loss was estimated at 163 MT and export loss at 359 MT**. It was further reported that there was **no stuck export cargo as on 17.05.2026** and no requests had been received for fee waiver or pets-related facilitation.

The Chief Commissioner noted that the absence of stuck export cargo indicated that **optimism cargo was no longer accumulating at the ACC**. It was also observed that the **“pets” facilitation** parameter may require reconsideration since the **validity of the related circular had not been extended**. It was decided to review whether this parameter should continue in future monitoring formats.

C. Review of Courier Cargo Operations

07. It was reported by the Joint Commissioner, ACC that during the period from 08.05.2026 to 17.05.2026, there was cancellation **of eight commercial flights**. However, **no passenger flight cancellations** affecting courier cargo were reported. There was **no import or export loss** and **no stuck export cargo was pending**.

The Joint Commissioner, ACC also informed that courier export and import consignments had increased substantially during the period. The Chief Commissioner observed that **courier operations continued to function smoothly** despite disruptions in the Aviation sector. Directions were issued to **examine alternate routing possibilities through ICT and FPO**

wherever feasible. It was reiterated that Customs would continue to **act as a facilitator** by disseminating information and coordinating possible alternatives.

D. Review of Land Cargo (ICDs) Operations

08. It was reported by the Commissioner, BCC that **no stuck export cargo had been cleared** during the period from 07.05.2026 to 17.05.2026 and **no stuck export cargo was pending as on date**. Further, no requests for export document fee waiver had been received.

The Chief Commissioner observed that the **earlier trend of returned cargo had temporarily subsided**. However, it was directed that in future Meetings, any cargo reported under this category should be segregated into **cargo returning after clearance from ICD** and **cargo awaiting outward movement from ICD**.

E. Review of FPO Operations

09. It was reported by the Commissioner BCC that the **84 postal export articles remained pending as on 17.05.2026 at the FPO**, out of which **11 articles were linked to destinations affected by the prevailing regional situation**. The Chief Commissioner recalled the earlier directions regarding **coordination with the Department of Posts for informing consignors about alternate routing options**.

It was informed by the Commissioner, BCC that the **Department of Posts had escalated the matter to higher authorities** and that **consignors had reportedly preferred to wait rather than reroute their consignments**. The Chief Commissioner expressed concern regarding prolonged retention of such consignments, particularly where goods **may become perishable or commercially unviable over time**.

Detailed discussions were held regarding the legal and procedural position concerning cancellation of LEO (Let Export Order), return of consignments, and the respective roles of Customs and the Department of Posts. The Chief Commissioner stressed the need for complete **clarity regarding the extent of Customs' responsibility once LEO had been granted** and whether Customs could *suo motu* initiate return action without a formal request from the Department of Posts or the consignor. It was decided that the issue would be examined in detail before the next meeting, including reference to past precedents.

(Action: Commissioner, BCC)

10. Stakeholder Issues:

Shri. Girish Narayan, Secretary of BACHAAL highlighted **difficulties being faced in obtaining airline bookings for perishable cargo due to cancellation of freighter services** and increased demand for **available cargo space**.

Further, concerns were raised regarding **delays arising out of 100% examination requirements**, especially in cases involving large consignments and space constraints at warehouse examination areas. It was clarified by him that the use of body worn cameras had not directly caused delays, rather, the operational challenge were arising due to the logistics involved in bringing all packages to a common examination area whenever consignments were flagged for detailed examination.

The Chief Commissioner directed that the following issues be formally **placed before the upcoming CCFC meeting**:

- Whether examination procedures had undergone any change compared to earlier practices;
- Whether the use of Body Worn Cameras had affected the speed of examination; and
- Whether the number of consignments flagged for 100% examination had increased compared to earlier periods.

11. Strategic Assessment of Regional Developments

A. A discussion was held regarding the overall impact of the regional crisis on trade and logistics. It was observed that **fluctuations in exports and imports could also be linked to other factors** such as USA tariff policies, insurance costs, freight disruptions, fuel price increases, and contraction of export markets. The Chief Commissioner cautioned that all trade disruptions should not automatically be attributed solely to the Gulf situation.

(Action: Commissioner, MCC, ACC and BCC)

B. It was further decided that **future commodity analysis** should **additionally include imports of Propane and Butane**, including their **sourcing patterns and routes of movement**. The Chief Commissioner observed that while crude oil imports had diversified considerably, LPG and its constituents continued to require focused monitoring.

(Action: Commissioner, MCC)

12. Concluding Remarks by the Chief Commissioner:

Concluding the Meeting, the Chief Commissioner observed that the institutional mechanisms introduced at the beginning of the crisis period had now become part of the regular operational framework. The Chief Commissioner **appreciated the coordinated efforts of all stakeholders** and emphasized the need for continued monitoring, facilitation, and inter-agency coordination. The meeting ended with thanks to all participants.

13. Directions for Next Special Weekly CCFC Meeting:

1. MCC to report source-wise details of LPG vessels and whether routes involve the Strait of Hormuz.
2. Review outward movement of export cargo presently awaiting vessels at seaports.
3. Segregate returned/stuck export cargo into:
 - Cargo returned after clearance, and
 - Cargo awaiting export movement.

4. Review continuation of “pets” parameter in monitoring reports.
 5. Explore and share alternate routing options through ICT/FPO with stakeholders.
 6. Examine legal/procedural position regarding:
 - o Cancellation of LEO,
 - o Return of postal consignments,
 - o Role of Customs and DoP in such cases.
 7. Place before CCFC:
 - o Changes in examination procedure, if any,
 - o Impact of body worn cameras on examination time,
 - o Increase in 100% examination cases, if any.
 8. Continue focused monitoring of LPG, Propane and Butane imports.
 9. Maintain enhanced vigilance against gold smuggling through intelligence-based targeting and real-time scan monitoring.
 10. Continue coordinated trade facilitation and monitoring of regional disruptions.
14. The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner.

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अपर आयुक्त / Additional Commissioner (CCO / मु.आ.का.)

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ANNEXURE

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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4	Parashivamurthy M.K	Addl.Commr	CCO
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