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**MINUTES OF THE SECTORAL MEETING OF NAC-1A CHAIRED BY  
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, BENGALURU ZONE &  
CONVENOR NAC 1A, ON 13.01.2026 IN ONLINE MODE**

F. No. 2303411

Date: As eSigned

**01.** The Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru extended a warm welcome to all participants and informed that **no Agenda Points had been received from any stakeholder for the current Meeting.** She requested the Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone and Convenor of NAC 1A to give his opening remarks.

**02.** The Convenor requested active participation from the Associations so that the issues could be expeditiously taken up for resolution and necessary improvements can be achieved. He reiterated that the issues should also be regularly raised by the stakeholders in the Fortnightly Sectoral Meetings being conducted by the Nodal Commissioners of NAC 1A.

**COMPLIANCE OF AGENDA POINTS OF THE  
SECTORAL MEETING OF NAC-1A HELD ON  
18.11.2025**

**03.** **Agenda Point 1:** In the Meeting held on 18.11.2025, the Convenor had explained that First Check assessment is being made for certain goods of CTH 2710 and it not for coal, lignite, waxes and similar goods dealt by NAC 1A. He had requested AILBIEA to intimate instances of First Check assessment being made for goods other than those falling under CTH 2710.

It was reported that no such instances have been reported by any stakeholder.

**04.** **Agenda Point 2:** In the Meeting held on 18.11.2025, the Convenor had stated that all FAGs of NAC 1A were fully sensitized on the time sensitive nature of Liquid Bulk Cargo with the pendencies at each stage being regularly monitored by the Nodal Commissioners and that a detailed Query Analysis was being conducted at the NAC level. Regarding the sharing of assessment data with the Trade, the Convenor had welcomed the suggestion in the interest of transparency and had stated that the data sharing ought not to be limited to any particular NAC. He had requested AILBIEA to forward the data received by them from NAC Chemicals so that a uniform protocol may be adopted in this regard.

It was reported that no data has been shared by any stakeholder.

**05.** **Agenda Point 4:** In the Meeting held on 18.11.2025, the Convenor had requested the Commissioner, Customs, Mangaluru to obtain the details of the tracking system for CRCL Reports at Nhava Sheva and examine the best manner in which it can be replicated. He had also requested the stakeholders to forward their views as to which PGA (FSSAI, PQ, AQ, Textile Committee or any other PGA) has achieved greater transparency and efficiency so that the best practices can be considered for wider implementation.

**06.** The Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru informed in this respect that the details of the tracking mechanism for Test Reports have been obtained from Nhava Sheva and that some time would be required to analyze the same for implementation. The Convener informed that the system is essentially a QR-based tracking mechanism which has been modified three times so far. The system would facilitate trade in tracking the status of test reports, and in cases where any particular laboratory takes longer than the normal processing time, the issue can be quickly identified and addressed.

**07.** **Agenda Point 5:** In the Meeting held on 18.11.2025, the Convener had observed that the validity period of 6 months for Test Reports is not specific to Liquid Bulk cargo. Therefore, it may not be possible to unilaterally modify this period exclusively for goods assessed by NAC 1A. He had requested the stakeholders to intimate whether to their knowledge there are any goods for which the Previous Test Reports are valid for a period longer than 6 months.

It was reported that no goods for which the Previous Test Reports are valid for a period longer than 6 months have been reported by any stakeholder.

**08.** **Agenda Point 6:** In the Meeting held on 18.11.2025, the Convener had requested the stakeholders to forward suggestions for expanding the coverage of Second Checks with Final Assessment, which is being followed at present for goods falling under CTH 2710 if the PTR is less than 6 months old, the importer is an actual user manufacturer and the overseas supplier is also a manufacturer.

It was reported that no suggestions have been shared by any stakeholder.

**09.** **Agenda Point 10:** In the Meeting held on 18.11.2025, the Convener had requested the stakeholders to share any CRCL Reports containing additional or extraneous remarks which may create ambiguity, so that the matter can be appropriately addressed.

It was reported that no CRCL Reports have been shared by any stakeholder.

### **POINTS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING**

**10.** Even though no Agenda Points had been received for the current Meeting, the Convenor requested the participants to raise any issues or concerns on the spot, which should be followed by formal Agenda Points to be taken up for discussion in the next Sectoral Meeting.

**11.** Shri Sudip Dey, representing FFFAI raised the issue of validity of DRI Alert Circular 12/2013 pertaining to rubber process oil and calcium-based grease. He stated that in terms of this Circular, the goods are not being sent to local CRCL Labs but to Vadodara CRCL Lab where the testing takes 8 to 10 days. The Convenor stated that a representation may be submitted in this respect with details of the consignments where delay had occurred in testing, and the matter will be escalated to the proper authorities.

**12.** Shri Dinesh Kumar Gupta, President CHA Mundra Port Association raised the issue of delays in assessment exceeding 72 hours. The Convener stated that in such cases, the issue should be taken up immediately through the AEM and with the jurisdictional Commissioners in their fortnightly Sectoral Meetings. However, the details of the BEs may be submitted to the Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru for further examination.

**13.** Shri Naresh Nasta, representing MOPSA and Shri Kishor Sankhe, Senior Vice President, Savita Oil Technologies raised the issues of some CRCL Labs incorrectly applying IS 18722 (Part 1) Standard to Base Oils intended to be used for non-lubricant applications, inconclusive and ambiguous CRCL reports and varying testing parameters applied by CRCL to co-mingled Base Oils meant for two or three different importers.

**14.** The Convenor stated that these issues had been discussed in the recently concluded Meeting with the Nodal Commissioners of NAC 1A but all the Nodal Commissioners had intimated that no such cases have been referred to them or have been brought up during the fortnightly Sectoral Meetings. The Convenor requested that the relevant data and the incorrect/ambiguous/inconclusive Test Reports be shared immediately so that a detailed analysis of the allegedly erring CRCL Labs can be undertaken.

**15.** Shri Naresh Nasta, representing MOPSA suggested that the Test Reports should be forwarded to the importer's email and the finalization of the provisional BEs should be informed by email. He further suggested that when samples are drawn for testing, the consignments should be provisionally assessed under a Test Bond and not under a PD bond, as there is no differential duty involved in such cases.

**16.** The Convenor welcomed the suggestions and requested that a detailed representation mentioning the present practices and the proposed practices on these issues should be forwarded, so that the matter can be analyzed and appropriate directions issued.

The Meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks extended by the Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru to the Convenor and all participants.

This issues with the approval of the Convenor of NAC-1A.

**To,**

**Commissioner  
Mangaluru  
Customs**

The Nodal Pr. Commissioner/ Commissioner of Customs, NAC-1A (Mineral Products, Ch.27): Mumbai Imports-II/ Bhubaneshwar (Preventive)/ Vishakhapatnam/ Chennai Imports-II/ Cochin/ Jamnagar/ Mangaluru.

### **LIST OF OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING**

- 1.** Ms. P Vinitha Sekhar, Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru
- 2.** Shri Biju Thomas, Additional Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru
- 3.** Shri Haridas A, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, Mangaluru
- 4.** Shri Vikas, Appraiser of Customs, Mangaluru
- 5.** Shri Rahul Shukla, Superintendent of Customs, Mangaluru
- 6.** Shri Rakesh Kumar, Appraiser of Customs, Jamnagar

### **LIST OF TRADE REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING**

- 1.** Shri D.K. Gupta President CHA Mundra Port Association
- 2.** Shri Naresh Nasta, Manufacturers of Petroleum Specialties Association
- 3.** Shri Harsh Lapsia, All India Liquid Bulk Importers and Exporters Association
- 4.** Shri Sudip Dey Hon. Secretary, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations of India
- 5.** Shri Vinod Sharma, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India
- 6.** Shri Hiren Ruparel, BCBA
- 7.** Shri Jatin Dhamani, Gandhar Oil Refinery Pvt Ltd.
- 8.** Shri Kishor Sankhe, Senior Vice President of Savita Oil Technologies.