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 कार्यालय मुख्य आयुक्त सीमा शुल्क (निवारक) दिल्ली क्षेत्र  
**O/o Chief Commissioner of Customs (Prev.) Delhi Zone**  
 नवीन सीमा शुल्क भवन / **New Custom House**  
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**MINUTES OF CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 18.07.2025**

In terms of CBEC (now CBIC) Circular No. 13/2015-Customs, dated 13.04.2015, CCFC meeting was held on 18.07.2025 in New Customs House, New Delhi, under the Chairmanship of Sh. Sanjay Gupta, Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Delhi Zone.

The meeting was attended by the following: -

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name (Sh. / Ms.)</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Commissionerate/Organization</b>
1	Deepak Kumar	Pr. Commissioner	Delhi Customs (Prev.)
2	Nasim Arshi	Pr. Commissioner	Ludhiana Customs
3	R K Chandan	Commissioner	Jodhpur Customs (Prev.)
4	Alok Srivastav	Commissioner	Amritsar Customs (Prev.)
5	Ravindra Kumar Tiwari	Additional Commissioner	CCPU, Delhi Zone
6	Vinod Kumar	Additional Commissioner	Delhi Customs (Prev.)
7	Prakash Singh Veer Meena	Additional Commissioner	Delhi Customs (Prev.)
8	Prateek Bhatia	Joint Commissioner	Delhi Customs (Prev.)
9	Jitender Singh	Joint Commissioner	Ludhiana Customs
10	Heera Lal Punia	Joint Commissioner	Ludhiana Customs
11	Puneet Gunawat	Joint Commissioner	Amritsar Customs
12	Devesh Rastogi	Assistant Commissioner	CCPU, Delhi Zone
13	Vijay Singh	Superintendent	CCPU, Delhi Zone
14.	V K Maheswari	Superintendent	CCPU, Delhi Zone
15.	Nitesh Bajaj	Inspector	CCPU, Delhi Zone
16.	Naveen Kumar	Inspector	CCPU, Delhi Zone

17	V. Suresh	Director	Central Revenues Control Laboratory (CRCL)
18	Bharat Pachiciya	Deputy Director	FSSAI
19	Sh. Bhupendra Singh Rawat	Under Secretary (Operations)	Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)
20	Dr. R S Shukla	Consultant (Operations)	Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)
21	Rajesh Verma,	President	Ludhiana Customs Broker Association
22	Devender Singh Bhadaria	President	Delhi Customs Broker Association
23	Praveen Pant	Terminal Head	ICD GDL, Ludhiana
24	Prakash Veer Tyagi	Assistant President	Vice Head Office, ICD GDL, Delhi
25	Neeraj Jha	Assistant Manager-Exim,	M/s Ganga Acrowools Limited
26	G L Meena	Assistant Director	Plant Quarantine, Delhi
27	Ankur Verma	APPO	Plant Quarantine, Delhi
28	Rajan Mehra	Sr. General Manager	M/s Hind Terminals Pvt. Ltd.
29	Sudhir Aggarwal	Inland Importers & Consumers Association	

Attendees Join through Online mode

30	Ishu Bansal	President	North India Importers Association, Ludhiana
31	Shailendra Kumar	Assistant Director	DGTS, Delhi Zone
32	Gaurav Gupta	EEPC India, Jalandhar	
33	Sanjay Kumar Thakur	ICD GDL, Sahnewal	
34	Animal Quarantine and Certification Service (AQCS), New Delhi		
35	RPQS, Amritsar		

2. The meeting commenced with the introduction of all the CCFC members. Thereafter, the Chairman welcomed all the participants of the CCFC meeting. Sh. Ravindra Kumar Tiwari, Additional Commissioner, CCPU (Delhi Zone), then presented the current position of Customs (Preventive), Delhi Zone, covering key areas such as Revenue, Import and Export statistics, Top 20 assesses and commodities, Provisional Assessments, and other relevant updates. Thereafter, the following issues were discussed during the meeting: -

**(a) Agenda points from Inland Importers & Consumers Association, Delhi:-**

**i) Holding of Metal Scrap Containers:** - It has recently come to our notice that containers of metal scrap are being detained by the officers of Delhi Customs Preventive Commissionerate to ascertain classification, description, quantity and documentation. We wish to highlight that these consignments belong to importers who have been consistently operating under the Patparganj Commissionerate for the last 15- 20 years. Their shipments have routinely undergone 100% examination or NCTC alert-based checks, with no adverse findings reported so far. The sudden detentions are causing undue hardship without specific justification.

**ii) Data based Alerts:** - It has been observed that presumption based alerts are being placed based on data analytics (basis description, classification and value etc.) which is against the concept of trust based environment and defeats the core objective of the **Preventive** Wing and leads to unnecessary disruption of genuine trade

**iii) Examination in Presence of Chartered Engineers:** - All consignments were examined in the presence of empanelled Chartered Engineers, and they have verified and certified that the consignments are in order in terms of description, grade, and quantity

**Reply:** - All the above three issues were discussed collectively. The Principal Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Delhi, addressed the concerns and informed the members that out of approximately 4,500 Bills of Entry (BoEs) for metal scrap filed over the past three months, only 16 consignments were held and examined by Delhi Preventive. In each of these cases, No Objection Certificates (NOCs) were issued after no discrepancies were found during physical examination or upon receipt of satisfactory reports from the Chartered Engineer.

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**iv) Process for approvals under Section 49 of the Customs Act' 1962:**

-The option of temporary warehousing under Section 49 of the Customs Act 1962 is provided/offered during examination in the Panchnama itself, however the Customs officers at ICDs still insist on written permission from your good office, leading to delays. We request that since an option is already given to the importer, a copy of Panchnama may please be marked to port to avoid duplication and speedy processing.

**Reply:** - The Principal Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Delhi, informed that upon receiving a request from the importer for warehousing under Section 49, No Objection Certificates (NOCs) are issued in all cases within 24 hours. Furthermore, after discussing the matter with the Principal Commissioner, the Chair advised the trade to raise such issues with the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner (AC/DC) of the respective port, or during the Port-level Trade Facilitation Committee (PTFC) meetings, as the AC/DC is the proper officer authorized to allow warehousing under Section 49.

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**v) Delays in NOC Clearance:** - In cases where goods are declared correctly and found in conformity upon examination, the issuance of No Objection Certificates (NOCs) still takes 20-30 days, resulting in significant demurrage and detention charges. This delay affects the financial viability of the importers.

**Reply:** - The Principal Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Delhi, assured the trade that No Objection Certificates (NOCs) will be issued within 5-7 days of examination for consignments where no adverse findings are observed. Furthermore, the Chair advised the trade that if an NOC is not issued within 7 days of examination in any particular case, the matter may be brought directly to the notice of the Principal Commissioner/Commissioner of the respective Commissionerate.

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**vi) Acceptance of Communication via Email:** - Currently, photocopy request letters are not being accepted, and CHAs are being asked to furnish original hard copy letters from importers. In case of importers based outside Delhi, the courier transit times is of 2-3 working days, we request the Department to accept scanned letters and communication received from importers/CHAs on official email IDs.

**Reply:** - The Chair accepted the request of the trade and assured that any communication or scanned letters received on the official email IDs of the Commissionerates from the official email IDs of importers or Customs House Agents (CHAs) will be duly entertained. The Chair also directed the concerned officials to ensure compliance with this instruction.

**(Action: - All Commissionerates)**

**vii) Revenue Control and Nil Duty:** - Metal scrap falls under Revenue Controlled items, and in most cases, the Basic Customs Duty is NIL. Given the negligible revenue implication, the scope for undervaluation or mis-declaration by importers is practically non-existent.

**Reply:** - The Chair informed that in the case of consignments of metal scrap, the placement of alerts or the holding of consignments is not based on revenue or duty considerations. Instead, such actions are based on other aspects, including environmental hazards, the presence of plastic waste, and other prohibited items. Alerts are issued, and consignments are examined solely with regard to these aspects.

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### **(b) Agenda points from Delhi Custom Broker Association: -**

- viii)** Timeline to conduct the examination when any alert is issued and the importer or its representative have approached for the examination.
- ix)** Timeline to be fixed to issue NOC in matters referred to Preventive for investigation/examination.
- x)** Once the investigations are done, NOC granted or provisional assessment/ clearance orders are given, then IR reports to be sent to the Port of clearance within stipulated time to get the matter finalized.

**Reply:** - The above three issues all pertain to the formulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The trade has requested the establishment of clear timelines for examinations, issuance of NOCs, forwarding of IR reports,

and related processes through these SOPs. In response, the Chair suggested that the trade prepare and submit their own proposal for the SOPs according to their own wish list, which will be taken up for discussion in due course.

**(Action: - Trade)**

**xi)** Maximum time limit to be fixed in matters where reports required from PGA's as the shipments are pending till report is not received from them.

**Reply:** - The issue was directly discussed with the representatives of the PGAs, namely FSSAI and Plant Quarantine, who were present at the meeting. The FSSAI representative informed that they follow SOPs outlining testing timelines—approximately 5 days for non-microbiological goods and over 5 days for microbiological goods. The Plant Quarantine representative stated that, as per their SOPs, items referred to other agencies typically take around 15–20 days for clearance, while other items are generally cleared within 10 days. Additionally, the Chair informed that from the next meeting onward, data regarding consignments pending for a certain number of days due to pending reports from PGAs will also be included.

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**(c) Agenda points from Ludhiana Custom Broker Association: -**

**xii) NOC from FSSAI:** - For all imports related to 'Food items' or items which are imported for non-food use but has use in food items as well, NOC from FSSAI is required. Currently we are using the services of NABL certified lab in Ludhiana which has been listed by FSSAI. Whereas other major customs stations are getting online services from FSSAI and CBs are registered with FSSAI. We, therefore, request that Ludhiana please be taken online with FSSAI for getting required NOC for faster clearance.

**Reply:** - The issue was directly discussed with the FSSAI representative present at the meeting. He informed that FSSAI is actively addressing the matter and has proposed extending the Single Sign-On (SSO) facility to all non-FSSAI ports in Punjab. Under this system, Customs Officers will be designated as FSSAI officers and will also undergo training in FSSAI norms and procedures.

Furthermore, the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Ludhiana, informed the members that the Board has issued an Office Memorandum (O.M.) dated 07.07.2025 regarding the implementation of the SSO facility. In this context, the Board has requested data of Customs Officers posted at various ports. He also confirmed that the required data has been compiled and duly forwarded to the Board.

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**xiii) NOC from Plant Protection and Quarantine:** - Similarly PPQ is

providing the required services from Amritsar office and their representative do come on alternate day to check import and export consignments but currently NOC from PPQ on import shipments are on manual basis. We need to approach DC/AC Shed for granting necessary NOC in system. This is time consuming as first the shed staff put up note sheet for approval and then NOC is granted in system and after that shed is able to give necessary OOC.

**Reply:** - The issue was directly discussed with the Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) representative present at the meeting. He stated that PPQ is currently granting NOCs through the system under the New Delhi jurisdiction. Regarding PQ Amritsar, they informed that they would raise the matter with their Regional Head of PQ, Amritsar. Additionally, the Chair directed the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Ludhiana, to follow up on the issue with RPQS, Amritsar.

**(Action: - Ludhiana Customs)**

**xiv)** In case of import of wet blue leather, basic duty has been reduced to NIL. Since then, AQCS is seeking sample for verification of item, whether it is wet blue or not. In this regard it is submitted that wet blue tanning is irreversible and is clearly visible by physical inspection, and always in slightly wet condition & blue in colour due to chrome tanning. Matter may be taken up with AQCS so that customs shed staff can inspect the same and provide necessary NOC for smooth and faster clearance.

**Reply:** - The Chair informed that customs shed staff are not authorized to issue the necessary NOCs on behalf of the Animal Quarantine and Certification Service (AQCS). Furthermore, the Chair directed the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Ludhiana, to take up the matter with AQCS Delhi and explore any possible solutions.

**(Action: - Ludhiana Customs)**

**xv) Validity of MOOWR Bond:** - There is practice of putting validity date of one year or up to 31<sup>st</sup> March for Self-sealing, Bond submitted under MOOWR etc. which are onetime permissions. This requires unnecessary validation each year. It is therefore requested to mention long validity date in such cases in EDI system.

**Reply:** - The issue was addressed by the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Ludhiana and they informed that they will inspect the matter and thereafter will issue a Public Notice for validity period of the bonds of Self Sealing and MOOWR to be feeded in the EDI system.

**(Action: - Ludhiana Customs)**

**xvi) CRCL Lab:** - There is proposal of opening CRCL lab at Ludhiana. In this regard we request that Customs must ensure the following: -

1. Lab must be opened with installation of lab equipment which is necessary to test the goods what are most imported at Ludhiana like: Metal, Textile, Rubber, Plastics etc. Customs must take into account the kind of tests sent to CRCL or any other labs in previous 2 years and insist upon CRCL to provide equipment which is required to provide these test reports.

2. Importantly, it has been observed from the presentation of CRCL at recently concluded CRCL Trade Facilitation Conference that reports are delayed due to shortage of staff with CRCL. Therefore, Customs please ensure that sufficient staff is posted at Ludhiana when the CRCL lab is opened at Ludhiana.

**Reply:** - The issue was directly discussed with the Director, CRCL present at the meeting. He responded that the proposal of setting up the Lab is almost in the final stage.

**Suggestion:** - The President, Ludhiana Custom Broker Association requested that Lab must be opened with installation of lab equipment which are necessary for testing the goods.

**Reply:** - In this regard, the Principal Commissioner of Customs, Ludhiana informed that the data regarding goods imported at Ludhiana is already submitted to the CRCL and Director, CRCL also assure them that the lab will be established with necessary testing equipments.

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**(d) Agenda points from North India Importers Association, Ludhiana:**  
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**xvii)** Request to accept our declared transaction value and stop value loading on Scrap shipments.

**Explanation:** - The President, Ludhiana Customs Broker Association explained the issued to the Chair. He stated that certain FAG officers are value loading of approximately 20-25% on metal scrap consignments without providing any justification. Furthermore, he pointed out a lack of uniformity in the assessment process, as some FAGs are engaging in this practice while others are not.

**Reply:** - The Principal Commissioner of Customs, Ludhiana acknowledged the concern raised and informed the Chair that a meeting is scheduled with the NAC Convener (Chief Commissioner, Ahmedabad Zone), in which they have already included this issue as an agenda point. He further stated that, as a member of the said meeting, he will ensure that the matter is appropriately raised and discussed.

**(Action: - Ludhiana Customs)**

**xviii)** Bill of entries of importers are not reflected on importers Portal i.e GSTR-2B

**xix)** Kindly convey to GST or to GST Council to exempt importers from levy of 2% TDS vide Government notification No.25/2024-CT Dated 08.10.2024.

**Reply:** - The Chair informed that the above two issue were not directly related to the Customs and therefore suggested that the matters be represented to the Board or the GST Council.

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**3.** The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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