The 14th Meeting of the CCFC was held on 24th October, 2017 at 17.00 hours at Central Revenue Buildings, Bengaluru. Shri R.B. Tiwari, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Bengaluru Zone, chaired the meeting.

The following persons attended the meeting:

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There was no representation from the following Member Organizations of CCFC:

1. Central Warehousing Corporation
2. Bureau of Indian Standards
3. Drug Control Department
4. Pollution Control Board
5. DHL Express
6. India Post
7. Central Pollution Control Board.
3. The Chairman welcomed the Officers of Bangalore Customs Zone and other stakeholders. Thereafter the Additional Commissioner of Customs, Chief Commissioner’s Office, initiated the proceedings by going through the earlier points.

### Pending issues:

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| 1.    | BAC-ACC-006 (7th CCFC meeting) | Air Customs Commissionerate sought the following infrastructure facilities to be provided to ACC and Airport to efficient functioning:  
• Additional full length baggage belt in Customs Area;  
• Baggage scanning machine for secondary scanning area;  
• Projector for conference room;  
• Provision of steel grill door and bolt latch for locking the new Mishandled Baggage Room  
• CCTV coverage to be extended at all international aerobridges, pre-immigration area, secondary scan area, MHB room, AIU room etc. | BIAL authorities informed the committee that;  
• Most of the facilities have been provided and others are likely to be completed very shortly.  
BIAL was asked to monitor the execution of the proposals closely to ensure timely completion.  
Chairman informed that it was in the findings of the Survey that passengers could not find the signages and therefore suggested that joint survey may be conducted within 06 months including the points of Airport. He emphasized the need of separate channel for Domestic passengers.  
As work is in progress this point may be closed temporarily.  
**Action: ADC, Airport/BIAL. Action taken report from Airport/ACC Commissionerate.**  
It is reported by Airport that the following facilities are provided there;  
• Provision of full length baggage belt in Customs Area  
– A full baggage belt No 10 has been provided and is functional.  
• Baggage scanning Machine for Secondary Scanning Area – |
A new Scanning Machine – Rapiscan 627DV has been procured by the Department and is commissioned for use in the Secondary Scan Area.

- Projector for Conference Room – A Projector of Epson brand has been provided by BIAL for use in the Conference Room.

- Provision of steel grill door and bolt latch for locking for the new MHB Room – The same has been provided by BIAL.

- CCTV coverage to be extended at all international aerobridges, pre immigration area, secondary scan area, MHB room, AIU room – CCTV camera coverage has been extended to all the said areas.

**Decision of the Chairman:**
Since most of the facilities sought for have been provided by BIAL, Chairman directed that the pointed may be closed.

M/s. CONCOR informed that the AMC has been given for pest control/Rodent Control. Also they informed that the speed of BSNL Broadband is increased from 4 Mbps to 8 Mbps. Further they informed that the contract of alternate services has been given to M/s. TATA Tele Services, which will be functional within a month time.

Chairman directed ADC, ICD to co-ordinate with CONCOR for faster broadband in ICD for smooth function of day to day activities.

**Action:** ADC (ICD) & CONCOR.

**Action taken report from ADC, ICD.**
Although it is reported that
AMC has given for pest control/Rodent control by M/s. CONCOR, it is not full proof to prevent the mosquitoes entering inside the office premises causing health hazards. The windows are to be wire meshed for permanent solution. Matter has been taken up with M/s. CONCOR for the same.

M/s. CONCOR vide their letter dt. 04.09.2017 has submitted that the EDI connectivity, which is with BSNL at present, has not been provided by CONCOR and they are financing two Broadband services exclusively for Customs. Further, in view of the disruption in the services of BSNL, CONCOR had contacted M/s. TATA Teleservices, New Delhi for provision of data services as per the directions of the CBEC. This job is yet to be completed by M/s. CONCOR. The problem of poor data connectivity persists.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

CONCOR representative informed that with regard to EDI connectivity, they have issued Purchase Order for providing Broadband to Tata Tele Services who have conducted field survey, but due to some problems they are unable to provide the connectivity. He requested for two months time for providing of additional Broadband facility as they have to obtain the permission for fresh field survey as required by Tata Tele services, from their Hqrs.

**Decision of the Chairman.**

It was decided to give two months time as requested by CONCOR.

**Action: ADC-ICD/CONCOR.**

| 3. | BCC-PAD-001 (8th CCFC meeting) | Certain operational difficulties have been expressed before CCFC in the process of clearance of Chairman requested the Postal authorities to provide sufficient space for Customs and to ensure speedy |
4. BCC-ICD-006 (10th CCFC meeting)

Textile Committee representatives submitted a letter dated 11.08.2016 seeking certain IT facilities as below:

1. One more system authorization is required
2. Providing option for copying test report in ICES.
3. Creation of additional fields in ICES for generating test reports on real time basis

It was informed that the facilities have not been provided.

Chairman directed that these facilities may be extended to Textile Committee on priority and ADC (ICD) was asked to do the needful.

There was no representation from Textile Committee in this meeting. The ADC, ICD informed that the Textile Committee has not turned up to discuss the issue for needful.
To be reviewed in the next meeting.

**Action taken report from ADC, ICD.**

1. As requested by the Textile Committee representative, 2 more SSO IDs and Passwords have already been obtained from DG Systems and communicated to them.

2 & 3. As communicated by ICEGATE, the facilities for copying test reports in ICES and for Creation of additional fields in ICES for generating test reports on real time basis are already made available with the SSO IDs available with the Textile Committee.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

Textile Committee representative informed that Officers who were allotted the SSO-IDs have been transferred and new officers have joined. He requested for allotment of new SSO IDs to the newly joined officers.

**Decision of the Chairman.**

Chairman directed the Textile Committee representative to approach ADC, ICD, Whitefield with relevant details for obtaining SSO-IDs.

**Action:** Textile Committee/ADC-ICD.

5. **BCC-ICD-007 (10th CCFC meeting)**

Chief Commissioner (Customs), Bengaluru has requested that major importers may be encouraged for the Accredited Client Programme (ACP) / Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Programme.

**Action:** ADC (ICD).

**Action taken report from ADC, ICD**

The importers/exporters and other stakeholders operating at ICD-Whitefield have been sensitized about the AEO accreditation benefits available to them during the Trade Facilitation Meetings held at ICD and encouraged to join the AEO Programme.
Dwell time should be reduced.

ICD- Customs Whitefield has been maintaining the lowest dwell time performance amongst the ICDs in the country.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

Chairman informed that the response from various stakeholders like logistics companies, warehouse keepers etc., is not very encouraging.

**Decision of the Chairman.**

All the concerned involved should be sensitized and wide publicity should be given. He directed the committee members to bring to his notice, if any difficulties are faced.

**Action:** ADC-ICD/Airport & Air Cargo Complex.

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<td>When importers and Custom House Agents were contacted for submission of compliance to the bonds where EOP is over, they have submitted that relevant documents have been submitted to DGFT but EODC is to be issued by DGFT. This is causing great delay in monitoring of licences at the Airport. As the licensee will not be in a position to submit EODC to the Customs port of importation, Show cause notices are being issued to them regularly. Even C&amp;AG has made several audit paras for non- submission of EODC by several importers.</td>
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Since there was no representation from DGFT in this meeting, the point could not be discussed/ finalized.

**Action:** ADC (CCO)

**Action taken report from ADC, CCO.**

Letter addressed to Additional Director, DGFT, Bangalore requesting for attending of the next CCFC meeting.

**Action Taken report from DGFT.**

As was explained in the previous meeting, there definitely is a pendency and delay in issuance of EODC. However, during the last one year many steps have been taken to expedite issuance of EODCs and to reduce pendency in this regard. Some of the steps taken are as follows:

1. Introduction of pre-scrutiny
of EODC documents- December 2016.


3. "Special Clearance Drive" in September 2017 for cases pertaining to pre 2004 period.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

Representative from DGFT informed that they have taken many steps to reduce the pendency and the efforts made are given in the Action Taken Report. He further informed that they have recently conducted an Open House Meeting also and the response was encouraging. ADC, ICD, informed that the website link showing the status of Licences, which was hitherto available for viewing was not available.

**Decision of the Chairman.**

DGFT was requested to restore the website link showing the status of licenses.

**Action:** DGFT.

Since there was no representation from DGFT in this meeting, the point could not be discussed/ finalized.

Chairman directed ADC, CCO to address DO letter to DGFT and request them to attend the CCFC meeting regularly in view of the Guidelines issued by Ministry.

**Action taken report from ADC, CCO.**

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<th><strong>8</strong> BAC-ACC-009 (11th CCFC meeting)</th>
<th><strong>Cases Of Fake Addresses In IEC:</strong> It has been noticed on various instances that addresses mentioned the IEC turn out to be fake when the addresses are visited by the officers of customs. So it is requested that while issuing IEC, linking the address and other details with AADHAR may be considered to avoid misuse of IEC</th>
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<td><strong>Action Taken report from DGFT:</strong> It was informed during the 10th Meeting and is reiterated that whatever CTH number of the item is given by the applicants, same is indicated in the Advance/EP CG authorizations. If firms are incorrectly mentioning these CTH codes and same do not tally at the time of imports/exports, Customs authorities are free to take suitable action in this regard.</td>
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<td><strong>Discussion during the present meeting:</strong> Representaive from DGFT informed that DGFT has no specific role/connection in the declaration of the Customs Tariff Heading (CTH) and normally accept the CTHs declared by the parties. He also stated that during the verification of Bills of Entry/Shipping Bills, the Customs Department can take action wherever there has been a mismatch of CTH.</td>
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Action Taken report from DGFT.

As was explained in previous meeting, w.e.f 01.04.2016, DGFT has made IEC application totally online. Manual and hard copy submission has been dispensed away with. To facilitate the ease of doing business, at present, only two documents are required for issue of IEC.

1. Copy of the PAN Card of business entity and
2. Cancelled Cheque bearing pre-printed entity/proprietor or Bank Certificate in prescribed format. There is no provision for verification of address as all application need to be digitally signed and entire process of issue of IEC is automated.

Discussion during the present meeting:
The representative of DGFT informed that since most of the IEC holders are firms/companies, it is not possible for linking of addresses with AADHAR. He also informed that in order to encourage trade, the procedure is simplified in tune with policy of the Government.

Decision of the Chairman.
Since no action is required at present, it was proposed to close the para.

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<td>In case of DEEC license issued for annual procurements, the commodities permitted may be specified w.r.t. description, maximum number of units permitted etc.</td>
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Action Taken report from DGFT.
This issue was also explained in the 10th meeting of CCFC. It is again informed that Advance authorizations for Annual Requirements is a specific scheme under DES wherein flexibility to export any product falling under a particular export product group has been provided (Para 4.45 of HBP may be referred). Moreover, it is only allowed for those items where SIONs are already fixed. Therefore, being a specialized scheme, quantity wise restrictions cannot be imposed.

Discussion during the present meeting:
The representative of DGFT reiterated that quantity wise restriction not possible as Duty Exemption Scheme is a specialized scheme.

Decision of the Chairman.
Since no action is required at present, it was proposed to close the point.

| 10 | BCC-ICD-008 (12th CCFC Meeting) |

It was brought to the notice of the Committee that ICD is getting good traffic from Chennai. Bonded trucking can be directly moved to Bangalore as the practice was there earlier. Necessary permission may be obtained from Ministry.

M/s. CONCOR informed that they have taken up the matter with Additional Secretary, Karnataka State and have submitted representation and they informed the same to ADC, ICD also. They further informed that they are following up the matter with state Govt. Authorities.

Chairman advised M/s. CONCOR to approach the Commissioner, City Customs for necessary action in this regard.
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<td>It was informed to the Committee that certain drugs consignments are cleared by the Customs without permission from the Drug Control Department. Manual entries are done for drugs even though some of the drugs falls under specific chapter heading.</td>
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**Action:** ADC, ICD and CONCOR to monitor.

**Action taken report from ADC, ICD**

No concrete proposal has been received from CONCOR, Whitefield, in this regard.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

Representative from CONCOR informed that they had submitted a proposal in the year 2014 and they would be submitting a fresh proposal in this regard.

**Decision of the Chairman.**

Chairman directed that CONCOR should submit fresh proposal and ADC ICD to monitor and report.

**Action:** ADC, ICD/CONCOR.

Since there was no representation from Drug Control Dept. in this meeting, the point could not be discussed/ finalized.

**Action taken report from ADC, ICD**

The issue has been verified. It has been ensured by the Assessing Officers/Shed Officers of CONCOR and other CFS attached to ICD, Bangalore that wherever mandated, no consignments of Drugs are cleared without NOC from the Drug Control Authorities concerned. Further, no manual entries are made for drugs as all the clearances of drugs are facilitated only in ICES.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

ADC-ICD reiterated that all consignments wherever NOC from Drug Control Authorities is required, are being cleared
| 12  | ACC / ICD | The Plant Quarantine Station informed that a non-compliance was received from Govt. of Germany for non-complying to ISPM-15. The wooden crate accompanying the consignment exported to M/s. Brisay Maschinen GMBH, Germany by M/s. Ramsons Garment Finishing Equipment Pvt Ltd., Bangalore was not marked as per ISPM-15. Further, they informed that there are a lot of non-compliances received from other countries in export commodities. Hence it is requested that necessary instructions may be given to the concerned officials to strictly follow the ISPM-15 standard and ensured that wood packaging materials should be stamped or marked with ISPM-15 mark and if the wooden packaging materials are not stamped or marked with ISPM-15, the same may be referred to Plant Quarantine before clearing the consignments. | only after obtaining NOC from Drug Control Authorities. |

**Decision of the Chairman.**

Since no action is required at present, it was proposed to close the point.

Chairman informed that the CBEC has been issuing Circulars/Instructions on ISPM-15 to the field formations for necessary compliance. The same is being monitored by the officers posted to field formation. The Chairman further advised the Plant Quarantine Station to carry out random check of import/export consignments at the ports, if necessary, by their officers also.

**Action taken report from ADC, ICD.**

The issue referred in respect of M/s. Ramsons Garment Finishing Equipment Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru pertains to Air Cargo Complex, Bengaluru. The Exporters were also contacted in this regard who in turn confirmed that the issue has been resolved then. However, the assessing and Shed Officers of ICD have been suitably sensitized about ISPM-15 instructions and to adhere to the same scrupulously.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

Representative from Plant Quarantine Dept. informed that the issue has been resolved.

**Decision of the Chairman.**

Chairman directed that since the issue has been resolved the point can be closed.

Chairman informed that the issue can be taken up with the appropriate authorities, if a representation is received from the stakeholders.

| 13  | ACC | Shri Pratik Mehta, AGM, Airline Marketing, BIAL suggested to have a branch of CLRI, at Bangalore International Airport so as to avoid sending the leather samples to CLRI, Chennai. |  |
for testing. Having a branch of CLRI at Bangalore will help reducing dwell time in the clearance of leather consignments. They also offered to provide space for the said purpose.

**Action taken report from Airport/ACC Commissionerate.**

It is to report that it is ascertained from Sri.Prateek Mehta, AGM, Airline Marketing, BIAL, over phone that the representations received by them from the stake holders are yet to be forwarded to Customs authorities.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

Representative from BIAL informed that they have requested the concerned members of the trade to represent with required details to the Customs Authorities.

**Decision of the Chairman.**

Chairman informed the BIAL representative to encourage concerned agencies to apply for labs and to get the approval. Chairman informed BIAL/ADC-Airport & Air Cargo Complex to co-ordinate in the matter.

**Action: BIAL/ADC-Airport & Air Cargo Complex.**

Chairman informed that the newly added clause under amended warehousing provisions mandates inclusion of Commercial crime and pilferage/theft in the insurance. Since inclusion of said clause is mandatory in the insurance policy as per the new provisions, the Chairman advised M/s. HAL to identify another Insurance provider who is willing to issue the policy as per the statutory requirements.

**Action: HAL.**

**Action taken report from HAL.**

It is confirmed that commercial crime and skillful pilferage are included in the insurance policy.
and also the HAL Cargo Complex Warehouse Licence has been issued.

**Discussion during the present meeting:**

ADC, CCO informed that representative from HAL has informed that the commercial crime and skilful clauses are included in the insurance policy issued and issue is resolved.

**Decision of the Chairman.**
Chairman directed that since the issue has been resolved the point can be closed.

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<th>(ii) New issues raised and discussed</th>
<th>Representative from BIAL informed that they have submitted a representation on the issue to Commissioner, Customs, and ACC and have enclosed a copy of Public Notice 40/2012 dated 26.12.2012, issued by Commissioner of Customs (exports) New Delhi, related to the issue. Commissioner, Airport &amp; Air Cargo Complex informed that the public notice is not in tune with existing instructions issued by CBEC on the issue. He stated that logistics and area are the main constraints He also informed that in the past the cargo has doubled but BIAL have not increased the area corresponding to the increase. <strong>Decision of the Chairman.</strong> Chairman informed the BIAL to consider increasing the area as pointed out by Commissioner, Airport &amp; Air Cargo Complex and to submit a detailed report in this regard. <strong>Action:</strong> BIAL/ADC- Airport/ACC.</th>
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<td><strong>15</strong> BIAL/ACC</td>
<td>Request for approval for consolidation of bonded cargo on trucks for import and export from/to custodians at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (KIAB).</td>
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III) Other issues discussed in the meeting:

i) Sri. Bobban Philip Jose, representative from Air India (SATS) requested that import of Apples, from Bangalore should be allowed. Chairman suggested that the issue be taken up with DGFT.

ii) Chairman informed that members should bring more points for discussion so that the issues can be sorted out.

iii) Members enquired about the refund position, post GST, for which the Chairman informed that the scrolls are being generated.

To
All Members of CCFC
As per Mailing List

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The Commissioner of Customs, Airport & ACC Customs Commissionerate, Bengaluru.

The Commissioner of Customs, City Customs Commissionerate, Bengaluru.

Copy for information submitted to: The Joint Secretary (Cus), CBEC, North Block, New Delhi.