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MINUTES OF THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FACILITATION COMMITTEE (CCFC) MEETING HELD ON 16.09.2026

The CCFC meeting was held on 16.09.2026 at 11:00 hrs in Board Room, GST Bhawan, Rajaswa Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, under the chairmanship of Shri Paul Rajendra Lakra, Chief Commissioner, CGST, C.Ex & Customs, Bhubaneswar Zone.

2. The Addl. Commissioner, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone opened proceedings by welcoming the Chief Commissioner, all the participants and member representatives from the stakeholders present in the CCCF meeting and outlining the purpose of the meeting. In the opening address, the Additional Commissioner highlighted that “The Customs Clearance Facilitation Committee (CCFC) provides an important institutional platform for dialogue, coordination, and problem-solving between Customs and the Trade community. Our collective objective is to ensure that trade is facilitated through transparent, predictable, and efficient Customs procedures, while maintaining the necessary safeguards for official compliance.”

3. The Department was represented by the following officers:

Sl. No	Name (Shri)	Designation
1	Aseem Kumar	Commissioner, Customs (Prev) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar
2	Harsh Vardhan	Additional Commissioner, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone
3	Abhinav Yadav	Additional Commissioner, Customs (Prev) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar
4	Ashiquzzaman	Deputy Commissioner, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone
5	Subhendu Mohanty	Assistant Commissioner, Paradeep Customs Division, Paradeep
7	Brundaban Rath	Asst. Commissioner, Dhamra Customs Division, Dhamra
8	K. Venkateswara Rao	Asst. Commissioner, Customs(P) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar
9	Manoj Verma	Superintendent, Customs(P) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar
10	Amit Kumar	Superintendent, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone

11	Krishna Chandra Sahoo	Superintendent, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone
12	Naveen Verma	Superintendent, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone
13	Susant Pattnaik	Superintendent, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone
14	Neeldiganta Saha	Inspector, Customs(P) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar

4. The following representatives from the member stakeholders/ Parent Governmental Agencies (PGAs) attended the meeting:

Sl. No	Name (Shri/ Mrs)	Designation/ Organization
1	Akshaya Kumar Sahoo	Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager, Paradip Port Authority
2	Nalini Kanta Tripathy	Manager, Paradeep International Cargo Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
3	Harihar Dash	President, Odisha Customs Broker's Association
4	Swodesh Ranjan Swain	Secretary, Kalinga Steamship Agents Association (KSSA), Paradeep
5	Kartikeswar Behera	Accountant, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha
6	Subhasish Mishra	Head CA, Gopalpur Port

5. The Addl. Commissioner, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone informed that the fresh Agenda points of the CCFC meeting would be taken up as provided by the Stakeholders such as Kalinga Steamship Agents Association (KSSA), Paradeep. He asked the stakeholders to briefly explain the points they have sponsored to be followed by response and comments from the concerned officers of the Department.

6. The agenda items sponsored by the members were discussed as follows:

6.1 Agenda Points raised by Kalinga Steamship Agents Association (KSSA):

Issue:

(a) Risk-Based Selective Boarding of Vessels at Odisha Ports:

We understand that risk-based selective boarding of vessels is being followed/considered at certain ports, including Chennai and Visakhapatnam.

In this regard, we would be grateful if you could kindly inform us whether any similar plan or proposal for risk-based selective boarding of vessels is under consideration or proposed at the ports in Odisha, particularly Paradip, Dhamra and Gopalpur.

Reply:

The Department informed that Public Notice No. 06/2026 dated 15.09.2026 has been issued in pursuance of the CBIC letter in F. No. 520 /03/ 2026-CusVI dated 13.08.2026 to comply with the CBIC Circular 26/2026-Customs dated 15.05.2026 for the implementation of risk-based selective boarding of vessels at Paradip, Dhamra, and Gopalpur ports falling

under the jurisdiction of the Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Bhubaneswar. Further, the field formations have been sensitized to follow the process and implement the same.

6.2 Other issues raised by Orissa Customs Broker's Association (OCBA):-

- (a) **Facility of CRCL Lab:** We respectfully request your kind intervention to expedite the process for setting up a Central Revenue Control Laboratory (CRCL) in the state of Odisha.

Reply:

The Department informed that there are certain parameters which need to be checked like free space, appropriate place, permissible reach from the port areas, other factors etc. However, the Government is aware of this CRCL project and communication has already been made with the Principle Commissioner, DOL, New Delhi. The department is in the process of finalizing details, aiming for completion by March, 2027. In this context, the Department requested the Odisha Customs Brokers' Association and other trade representatives to provide local assistance for early setting-up of this laboratory which will reduce both cost and time.

- (b) **Facility of e-Port Clearance:** It is further suggested that the process for issuance of Port Clearance may be considered for digitalization through the appropriate electronic platform.

Reply:

The department informed that the aforesaid point has been discussed earlier. It is reiterated that there is no centralized portal for issuance of port clearances across Indian ports. The absence of a unified system in ICES or ICEGATE was noted to pose significant challenges in the submission and verification of documents for port clearances. Accordingly, Paradip Port Authority was advised to take up the matter at the appropriate forum under the Ministry of Shipping. The department also informed that risk based assessment facility is available on certain parameters and expected to be more committed with the trade stakeholders. To streamline operations, strict advance information timelines must be followed. A 7 days advance information window is required for boarding and similarly, for sailing, 5 days advance information must be adhered to. The department also requested the stakeholders to attend the regular PTFC meeting conducted by the Customs (P) Commissionerate for resolution of any specific issues.

7. The meeting was concluded with the floor being opened to all participants for discussion. Various suggestions and grievances related to Customs clearance were raised by the stakeholders. It was reiterated that the clearance of goods remains a matter of highest priority and is being undertaken on a priority basis. Stakeholders were assured that any issues

or grievances related to Customs clearance would be duly taken up with the Custodians to ensure smooth and efficient facilitation.

8. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all attendees by the Deputy Commissioner, CCO, Bhubaneswar Zone.

9. This issues with the approval of the Chief Commissioner, CGST, C.Ex & Customs, Bhubaneswar Zone.

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(Harsh Vardhan)
Additional Commissioner, CCO
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