

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
REVENUE DIVISION
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE

Islamabad, the 26th May, 2025.

NOTIFICATION
(CUSTOMS)

S.R.O. 908 (I)/2025.- The Federal Board of Revenue proposes to make the following draft rules in exercise of the powers conferred by section 219 read with section 202B of the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969), which are hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby and, as required under sub-section (3A) of section 219 thereof, notice is hereby given that objections or suggestions thereon, if any, may for consideration of the Board be sent within three days of publication of the draft rules in the official Gazette. Any objection or suggestion which may be received from any person, before expiry of the aforesaid period, shall be taken into consideration by the Federal Board of Revenue, namely:-

DRAFT RULES

1. Short title, commencement and application. - (1) These rules shall be called the Customs Command Fund (CCF) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

(3) They shall apply to regulate the expenditure out of the CCF established at the office of the Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement) and the Collectorates of Customs Enforcement.

2. Definitions. - In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context.-

(a) "Act" means the Customs Act, 1969 (IV of 1969);

(b) "Board" means Federal Board of Revenue, Islamabad;

(c) "Cash Disbursement Record (CDR)" means record maintained by the Special Disbursing Officer (SDO) as herein defined showing receipt, disbursement and balance of funds;

(d) "Committee" means the committee constituted in the office of Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement) and respective Collectorates under rule 7 and rule 3 respectively, to supervise and oversee the disbursement of (CCF);

(e) "Customs Command Fund" means the Fund established in the Customs Enforcement Collectorates and office of the Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement) to reinforce the operational capacity, carry out the mandate, support operations, enhance intelligence gathering, for the Customs personnel deployed for counter smuggling activities;

- (f) "Emergency" means a serious and potentially dangerous situation necessitating immediate action such as an accident, unusual incident, natural or manmade disaster, wherein delay in timely and appropriate response may result in hindrance to anti-smuggling operations;
- (g) "Head of the formation" means the Collector of the Customs Enforcement Collectorate;
- (h) "Source of Command Fund" means the allocation of funds provided under twenty percent share of the auction proceeds in lieu of the auctions conducted by all Customs Enforcement Collectorates, and such other additional funds as are allocated by the Federal Government from time to time;
- (i) "Special Disbursing Officer (SDO)" means an officer not below the rank of Assistant Collector notified by the head of the formation; and
- (j) The words and expressions used but not defined herein shall have the same meaning as assigned thereto in the Act or under the Customs Reward Rules, 2012.

3. CCF Committee. - There shall be a CCF Committee in each Collectorate which shall consist of the following, namely:-

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| (i). Collector | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (ii). Additional Collector | <i>member</i> |
| (iii). Assistant / Deputy Collector (Headquarters) | <i>member</i> |
| (iv). Nominee of officers/officials of BPS-16 | <i>member</i> |

4. Expenditure from CCF. - Each CCF Committee may authorize and sanction expenditure for:

- (a) information gathering, Upfront payment to informers for information that is critical for carrying out anti – smuggling operations and apprehending individuals implicated in smuggling. However, the amount so disbursed shall not exceed Rs. 500,000/- in a single case.
- (b) logistic charges, Costs and other incidental expenses incurred pertaining to transportation, inventory keeping, storage, disposal and destruction of smuggled goods over and above the allocated annual budget under the respective head of account.
- (c) hard area supplies, to fund purchase of supplies, ration, utilities, safety gear and other equipment essential for wellbeing and safety of customs staff deployed for anti-smuggling activities including at choke points , check-posts, mobile squads , field enforcement stations and Digital Enforcement Stations (DES) etc. notified by the Federal Board of Revenue.
- (d) special reward, the CCF Committee may sanction special reward to the officers and officials of the Enforcement Collectorate duly supported by documentary evidence in cases

wherein the officer or official has displayed extra-ordinary efforts in tracing, interdiction, seizure of smuggled goods, investigation and prosecution of cases involving such smuggled goods, etc. In such cases the reward shall not exceed two years' basic salary.

5. **Amount of disbursement.** - The amount so disbursed from the CCF for a financial year in respect of the expenses under Rule 4 above shall be earmarked as under:-

S.No.	Type of Expenditure	Disbursement Cap
1	Information gathering	20%
2	Special reward	20%
3	Hard area supplies	25%
4	Logistic charges	35%

Provided further that the Central Customs Command Fund Committee (CCCF) may, in emergency cases, authorize re-appropriation in relaxation of the disbursement cap by up to ten percent.

6. **Confidentiality and procedure regarding informers.**- (1) Given the confidential nature of information the following procedure shall be adhered to for maintaining integrity of information and confidentiality of informer, namely:-

(a) record pertaining to informers should state the name of the officer through whom the information is materialized and each informer shall be allocated a distinct informer code. The seizure report shall state the code of the informer whereas any advance payment in lieu of information shall be maintained in the record; and

(b) the officer to whom information was provided by the informer, shall issue a certificate to the effect that payment in lieu of information has been made to the informer. The certificate should specify the amount in words and digits of the amount so paid as well as the seizure number of the case. The CDR pertaining to payment to informers shall be kept distinct from other expenditure.

7. **Central CCF Committee.**-(1) There shall be a Central Customs Command Fund Committee (CCCF) headed by the Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement), the Collector (HQs), one Collector Enforcement and two officers of Customs of BS-18 and above, nominated by the Chief Collector.

(2) The Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement) shall disburse payments to the Enforcement Collectorates as per their due share based on the auction sale proceeds, sanctioned strength and strategic importance of the Enforcement Collectorate. However, the head of the formation concerned may request for additional funds citing the need for additional funds duly accompanied by justification for which the funds are to be utilized. The request may thereafter be processed for approval / rejection by the CCCF committee.

8. **General guidelines.** - (1) The following general guidelines shall be adhered to while disbursing expenditure from the CCF: -


- (a) All disbursements from CCF shall be supported with documentary evidence of payment duly signed by the special disbursing officer (SDO);
- (b) A monthly statement showing expenses incurred in connection with the expenditure as stipulated in Para 4 of the Rules shall be submitted by the head of the formation to the CCCF committee, not later than the 5th of every month;
- (c) Subject to these rules, the CCF shall not be utilized for payment of salaries, wages, overtime etc. to officials and employees of Pakistan Customs. Moreover, construction or acquisition of buildings or housing structures shall also not be carried out from the CCF. However, repair of already built structures within reasonable limits shall be permissible;
- (d) The CCCFC may issue further guidelines from time to time to meet the purpose of these rules; and
- (e) In case of misuse of funds, the head of the formation along with the SDO shall be held accountable.

9. **Periodic review of CCF and other allied matters.** - The Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement) shall review every year the CCF and allied matters and may invite suggestions and proposals from all Enforcement formations for improvement in the functioning of the CCF.

10. **Audit.** - The audit of the CCF of each Enforcement Collectorate shall be conducted by the Office of the Auditor General of Pakistan at the close of each financial year. Whereas all expenditure and disbursement shall be auditable, the audit shall in no way call for revealing the identity of the informer or doing any such act which endangers security of the informer. Copies of the audit report shall be endorsed to the CCCF Committee and the Chief Collector of Customs (Enforcement) shall be responsible for ensuring that corrective measures are being taken.

11. **Review of decisions.** - In order to redress any grievances of the officers or officials in relation to the implementation of these rules, the procedure as provided under the Customs Reward Rules, 2012 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

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