

**22-01-2026****PUBLIC NOTICE No. 15/2026****Subject: Updation of Split Indicator Flag in SCMTR application-reg.**

Kind attention of all stakeholders is invited to Advisory No. 03/2026 issued by ICES, DGoS, CBIC wherein it has been informed that in cases where the Cargo declaration in the Master Bill of Lading or House Bill of Lading is split into different modes of transport; the system was throwing the error code 122 “MC-MBL details already exists”, at the time filing of the second SAM/ SDM message. Consequently, ASCs/ASAs had to file such part shipment case of the same BL in old IGM 1.5 version.

2. After reviewing such cases/issues, Directorate General of Systems (DGoS) has introduced new provision in SCMTR application to capture the SPLIT CARGO = ‘F’ to indicate final shipment has been imported/exported from the country.

3. The Split indicators are summarised below:

i.) Split Indicator = ‘Y’ (Yes – Split BL)

- This indicator shall be selected only when a Master Bill of Lading (MBL) or Bill of Lading (BL) has been split into more than one record for filing purposes.
- All split records originating from the same Master BL must consistently carry the Split Indicator as ‘Y’.
- The split BLs should together account for the complete quantity/weight/value of the original BL.

ii. Split Indicator = ‘N’ (No – Not a Split BL)

- This indicator shall be selected when the BL is not split and is being filed as a single, complete BL.
- It should be used for the majority of cases where no splitting of cargo or documentation is involved.

iii. Split Indicator = 'F' (Final – Last Split Record)

- a. This indicator shall be used only for the last record of a split BL series.
 - b. It signifies that no further split records pertaining to the same original BL will be filed after this entry.
 - c. The use of 'F' is mandatory to enable proper system validation and closure of the split BL set.
4. Further, it is important to note the following:
- i. Incorrect usage of the Split Indicator may result in system validation errors, processing delays, or rejection of documents.
 - ii. Stakeholders are advised to ensure accurate and consistent declaration of the Split Indicator at the time of filing and strictly adhere to the above guidelines.
5. To ensure smooth implementation of the SCMTR, 2018, this Zone, in coordination with the Directorate General of Systems, shall conduct **weekly awareness and outreach programmes** to sensitise stakeholders and address technical or procedural issues related to SCMTR, 2018.
6. This Public Notice is issued to facilitate trade and ensure a seamless transition towards full compliance with the SCMTR, 2018.
7. Any difficulties encountered in the implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Assistant Commissioner, SCMTR Cell, for prompt resolution.

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