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Subject: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for movement and cross stuffing (re-working of container from one to another) of International Transshipment-FCL containers between Port Terminal and designated CFS at JNCH.

Attention of all Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines/Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, NVOCC etc under the jurisdiction of JNCH, Nhava Sheva and members of the trade is invited to Circular No. 15/2026-Customs dated 27.03.2026 issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs regarding international transshipment of cargo in view of disruption in maritime routes and Public Notice No. 38/2026 dated 30.03.2026 and Public Notice No. 39/2026 dt. 31.03.2026 issued from JNCH.

II. Consequent upon the issuance of above Public Notices, to facilitate trade the following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for handling International Transshipment-FCL (ITP-FCL) containers is hereby prescribed.

A. Procedure for movement of International Transshipment-FCL Containers from Port Terminal to designated CFS:

1. The Shipping lines must file the Import General Manifest (IGM) using the TC code and notify the terminal operator regarding the transfer of such containers to the designated CFS.
2. The Shipping Line or its authorised agent shall approach the Superintendent/ Import Noting, JNCH with a consolidated list of the International Transshipment-FCL Containers intended for movement from the Port Terminal to the designated CFS.
3. The Shipping lines shall obtain movement permission and share the authorisation with terminals and designated CFS.
4. The designated CFS shall arrange for the movement of such International

Transshipment-FCL Containers from Port to the CFS under Custodian-Cum-Carrier Bond previously filed with Customs.

5. It shall be the responsibility of the CFS to verify seal integrity upon receipt of the container from the terminal. In case of seal mismatch, the CFS shall notify the shipping line, Port Terminal and Superintendent/ Import Noting, JNCH and shall not proceed from the Terminal with such container without written permission from the Customs.
6. The Gate-Officer (Preventive Officer) at the Port Terminal shall verify the container number and seal integrity before passing out of the container from the Port Terminal.
7. The Gate-Officer (Preventive Officer) at the CFS shall verify the container number and seal integrity before allowing entry of the container inside the CFS.
8. The CFS shall store all International Transshipment-FCL Containers in the designated and demarcated area only.

B. Procedure for movement of International Transshipment-FCL Containers from designated CFS to Port Terminal:

1. The Shipping Line or its authorised agent shall approach the Superintendent/ Import Noting, JNCH with a consolidated list of the International Transshipment-FCL Containers intended for transfer back to the Port Terminal.
2. The Shipping lines shall obtain movement permission and communicate to the Port Terminal and designated CFS.
3. The CFS shall arrange for the movement of such International Transshipment-FCL Containers from CFS to the Port Terminal under the existing Custodian-Cum-Carrier Bond.
4. The Gate-Officer (Preventive Officer) at the CFS shall verify the container number and seal integrity and tally from the inward documents of the same container number unless and otherwise the container had been re-worked/ cross-stuffed as mentioned below in Para (C) before authorising 'pass out' for transit from the CFS to the Port Terminal.
5. The Custodian shall ensure the integrity of the seal till the container enters the Port Terminal.
6. The Gate-Officer (Preventive Officer) at the Gate Terminal shall verify the container number and seal integrity of the container before 'pass in' of the container inside the Port Terminal.

C. Procedure for Cross stuffing (shifting of cargo from one container to another) of ITP-FCL Containers:

1. The purpose of the cross stuffing of the ITP-FCL Container is to facilitate the

transshipment of cargo in view of the disruption in maritime routes.

2. The Permission for cross stuffing of ITP-FCL Container shall purely be case to case basis and shall be strictly scrutinised on the basis of the submission of the request letter along with the requisite documents as mentioned below. The Additional Commissioner / Import Noting, JNCH shall approve such requests on the basis of the submissions made thereunder.
3. The cross stuffing of ITP-FCL Container shall be allowed in the designated CFS in the designated area earmarked for storage of such containers only.
4. The shipping line/ authorised agent/ freight forwarder shall submit an application for cross stuffing of containers to Superintendent/ Import Noting, JNCH with following documents:
 - a. NOC from Shipper of the goods (Annexure-A)
 - b. No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the shipping line with which the goods are presently lying. (Annexure-B)
 - c. NOC from Consignee of the Cargo (Annexure-C)
 - d. Booking Confirmation of the Containers from the new shipping line.
5. The permission for the reworking of ITP-FCL containers is granted exclusively for the cross-stuffing of goods from the original container directly into a new container(s) of a different shipping line.
6. Under no circumstances shall the seal of the original container be broken until the replacement container(s) is on-site and ready for the transfer.
7. The Cross stuffing of the ITP-FCL Container must be video recorded and shall be performed in the presence of the authorised representative of the applicant or surveyor of the Shipping line in whose container, it is to be shifted and in presence of the surveyor of the CFS and under the general supervision of the Superintendent (Export Stuffing) of the CFS.
8. The CFS must record and keep the entire process—from seal cutting to the affixing of the new shipping line seal for a period of 180 days.
9. The Custodian shall ensure that every package within the container is transferred to the new unit, regardless of the quantity declared by the shipper. Any discrepancy in the package count or any relevant observations must be documented by the Shipping Line representative on the Container Load Plan (CLP) and signed by them.
10. The Superintendent (Export Stuffing) will endorse the manual International Transshipment Permit and Container Load Plan (CLP). These documents must be submitted by the shipping line representative / Custodian and must include all

relevant data, specifically: the original Bill of Lading (B/L), the original container and seal numbers, and the corresponding details for the new B/L and the receiving container.

11. The shipping line providing the new container or its representative shall obtain permission from the Superintendent/ Import Noting, JNCH to move the re-worked container from CFS to the Port Terminal alongwith the above set of documents.
 12. Transshipment cargo shall be re-exported within thirty (30) days of Entry Inward of the importing vessel, in terms of Section 48 of the Act. Where this is not feasible for reasons beyond the applicant's control, extension may be sought from the proper officer with stated reasons.
 13. The procedure of movement of re-worked / cross-stuffed container shall be in accordance with the procedure outlined in Para- (B) above.
- III. Upon the containers' entry into the Port Terminal for export, the shipping line or its authorized representative shall approach Import Noting Section to complete the international transshipment formalities. The Shipping Line or applicant must present all relevant documentation to the Import Noting Section to facilitate the final onward movement to the destination port.
- IV. The Shipping line shall file the SDM/ Export General Manifest (EGM) as per their regular process.
- V. No transshipment permit fee shall be charged. In terms of the Goods Imported (Conditions of Transshipment) Regulations, 2025, no fee is payable in respect of transshipment applications at any Customs station.
- VI. Transshipment shall not be permitted in respect of: (a) goods the transshipment of which is prohibited under Section 11 of the Act; (b) arms, ammunition, explosives or cargo posing a threat to national security; or (c) goods not manifested for transshipment, unless otherwise specifically permitted by the proper officer.
- VII. Permission is strictly limited to cargo affected by maritime disruptions and Middle East Sector. Any litigation resulting in "stay orders" that leads to cargo dumping remains the liability of the applicant involved.
- VIII. Difficulties, if any, encountered in implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

(B. Sumidaa Devi)
Commissioner of Customs, NS-
General, JNCH

To:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II, JNCH for information
2. All Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
3. All Additional/Joint Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
4. All Deputy/Assistant Commissioners of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II
5. The DC/EDI for uploading on the JNCH Website immediately

Annexure A – NOC from Shipper of the Cargo / goods

To Whom It May Concern

We, M/s _____, located at _____, have exported goods having details as below:

Shipment details:

1. Bill of Lading No. and Date
2. Description of Goods
3. Type of Packages
4. Value (the invoice value declared by the shipper to the consignee):

We confirm that the above details are true and correct and that there is no misdeclaration.

We have no objection to reworking/ cross stuffing of the container from the current Shipping line M/s _____ to the container of new shipping line M/s _____. Post reworking, the container will be sealed with the agent seal of the new shipping line.

We hereby authorise following to handle the shipment for movement from the Port Terminal to the CFS, cross stuffing of the containers and export to the final destination:

a. _____

b. _____

We hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Customs Department, JNCH against all losses, damages, cost, duty, fine, penalty, charges, legal proceedings or pilferage arising from handling, storage, reworking, transit or onward shipment.

For M/s _____
Authorized Signatory

Annexure B –No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the shipping line with which the goods are presently lying.

To Whom It May Concern

We, the shipping line M/s _____ have filed the IGM for the container number _____ vide Voyage: __, IGM No./Item No. __ having the following details.

Bill of Lading No. and Date

Agent Seal No.

- State Reason for offloading of the containers at the Port Terminal, JNPA and not conducting onward movement to the final destination.
- We, have no objection certificate for the transshipment and movement of _____ containers from Port Terminal _____ to the CFS _____ for cross-stuffing into new containers and thereafter from the CFS to the Port Terminal for onward shipment to the final destination.
- We both shipping lines have agreed to the terms and conditions and the new Shipping Line M/s _____ has agreed to ship the container to the Foreign destination.
- Based on request from the shipper M/s _____, goods will be transferred to container as arranged.
- We hereby authorise following to handle the shipment for movement from the Port Terminal to the CFS, cross stuffing of the containers and export to the final destination:
 - a. _____
 - b..._____
- **We hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Customs Department, JNCH against all losses, damages, cost, duty, fine, penalty, charges, legal proceedings or pilferage arising from handling, storage, reworking, transit or onward shipment.**

For M/s _____
Authorized Signatory

Annexure C – NOC from Original Consignee of the Cargo

To Whom It May Concern,

We, M/s _____, located at _____, declare as below:

Shipment details:

Bill of Lading No. and Date

Final Destination

Description of Goods

Value (the invoice value declared by the shipper to the consignee):

We confirm that the above details are true and correct and that there is no misdeclaration.

We have no objection to reworking/ cross stuffing of the container from the current Shipping line M/s _____ to the container of new shipping line M/s _____. Post reworking, the container will be sealed with the agent seal of the new shipping line.

We hereby authorise following to handle the shipment for movement from the Port Terminal to the CFS, cross stuffing of the containers and export to the final destination:

a. _____

b. _____

We hereby indemnify and hold harmless the Customs Department, JNCH against all losses, damages, cost, duty, fine, penalty, charges, legal proceedings or pilferage arising from handling, storage, reworking, transit or onward shipment.

For M/s _____

Authorized Signatory