



सीमाशुल्क आयुक्त कार्यालय (सामान्य), मुंबई अंचल- II
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (General), MUMBAI ZONE II
जवाहरलाल नेहरू सीमाशुल्क भवन, न्हावा शेवा, तालूका :उरण,
JAWAHAR LAL NEHRU CUSTOM HOUSE, NHAVA- SHEVA, TAL-URAN,
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Date:02.07.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 80/2026

Subject: Pan-India implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 and extension of transitional provisions up to 31.08.2026 - reg.

Kind attention of all Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Authorized Sea Carriers, Authorized Sea Agents, Authorized Carriers, Custodians, Transshippers, Terminal Operators, Container Freight Stations (CFSs), Inland Container Depots (ICDs), SEZ Units, Shipping Lines, Freight Forwarders and all other stakeholders is invited to the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 issued vide Notification No. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11.05.2018, as amended from time to time.

2. Attention is also invited to Public Notice No. 78/2026 dated 30.06.2026 (copy enclosed) issued by this office regarding the implementation / Pan-India rollout of SCMTR, 2018, wherein stakeholders were advised to ensure full compliance with the SCMTR framework and to file the prescribed electronic declarations within the stipulated timelines. The said Public Notice also referred to the implementation of SCMTR messages including SAM, SDM, SF, ASR, SFCN, DP, DT, AR and AT under the SCMTR framework.

3. Attention is further invited to Circular No. 29/2026-Customs dated 01.07.2026 (copy enclosed) issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Customs Policy Wing, on the subject "Pan-India implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018". Vide the said Circular, the Board has noted that the SCMTR message framework has been implemented in four functional segments, namely:

- (a) Sea messages to Gateway Port – Arrival.
- (b) Gateway port to foreign sea ports – Departure.
- (c) Gateway port to Inland Customs locations – Import Transshipment.
- (d) Inland Customs locations to Gateway port – Export Transshipment.

4. The Circular further states that the messages relating to cargo movement between gateway ports and foreign sea ports in respect of arrivals, namely SAM, SEI, SAA, SCE, VCN and Vessel Profile, and departures, namely SDM, SDA, SCX and SDN, have already been implemented successfully on a Pan-India basis. In respect of Export Transshipment, SF, ASR and SFCN messages have been implemented nationwide, while the remaining DP, DT, AR and AT messages have

been implemented Pan-India on 30.06.2026. Accordingly, all message developments, except Import Transshipment (ITP) messages, as envisaged under SCMTR, 2018, are fully operational with effect from 01.07.2026.

5. In view of the above, all stakeholders are hereby advised to file the necessary electronic messages prescribed under SCMTR, 2018 through the online filing mechanism. Stakeholders shall ensure that complete, accurate and timely electronic declarations are submitted in the prescribed format so as to avoid disruption or delay in cargo clearance, transshipment and related processes.

6. The Board has further decided to extend the transitional provisions under SCMTR, 2018 up to 31.08.2026 vide Notification No. 61/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 01.07.2026 (copy enclosed). The said extension has been granted to encourage all stakeholders, including Authorised Sea Carriers, Shipping Lines, Authorised Sea Agents, Steamer/Shipping Agents, Authorised Carriers, Transshippers, Terminal Operators and Custodians, to file all prescribed messages, except Import Transshipment (ITP) messages, electronically under SCMTR, 2018 with effect from 01.07.2026.

7. It has also been decided by the Board that, in order to facilitate trade, no penal action shall be initiated against the trade for technical or procedural difficulties faced by stakeholders up to 31.08.2026 in the online filing mechanism under SCMTR, 2018. However, all stakeholders are advised to use this transitional period to complete registration, system integration, user training and filing readiness under the SCMTR framework.

8. All Custodians, Transshippers, Terminal Operators, CFSs, ICDs, SEZ Units, Authorised Sea Carriers, Authorised Sea Agents and other concerned trade entities shall take the following actions immediately:

- i. Ensure that all entities requiring registration under ICEGATE/SCMTR are duly registered;
- ii. Ensure readiness for filing of all applicable SCMTR messages;
- iii. Ensure that operational personnel are trained and sensitised regarding SCMTR message filing and message flow;
- iv. Promptly take up API connectivity, registration or technical issues with the ICEGATE Helpdesk; and

9. Weekly outreach / sensitisation sessions will be conducted to identify and resolve difficulties faced by stakeholders in the implementation of SCMTR messages. Stakeholders are advised to actively participate in such sessions and bring specific technical or procedural issues to the notice of the concerned officers for timely resolution.

10. Stakeholders are advised to refer to the advisories, Message Implementation Guides (MIGs) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the ICEGATE portal for detailed technical and procedural guidance.

11. Stakeholders are advised to refer Policy-related issues, if any, to the Board through proper channel.

12. Subsequent to extension of transitional provisions of SCMTR 2018 till 31.08.2026 vide Notification 61/2026- Customs (N.T.) dated 01.07.2026, the date 30.06.2026 referred to in Para 2, Para 3.1 and Para 10 in Public Notice No. 78/2026 JNCH dated 30.06.2026 may be read as 31.08.2026. Accordingly, Public Notice No.

78/2026 JNCH dated 30.06.2026 stands modified to that extent.

13. This Public Notice is issued to facilitate trade, ensure uniform implementation of SCMTR, 2018, and enable a smooth transition to the complete electronic filing framework under SCMTR.

14. Any difficulty in implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Assistant Commissioner, SCMTR Cell, JNCH, for appropriate guidance and necessary resolution.

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Commissioner of Customs
NS-General, JNCH



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(राजस्व विभाग)

(केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर एवं सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड)

अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 1 जुलाई, 2026

सं. 61/2026-सीमा शुल्क (मै.टे.)

सा.का.नि. 543(अ).— सीमा शुल्क अधिनियम, 1962 (1962 का 52) की धारा 30, 30क, 41, 41क, 53, 54, 56, धारा 98 की उप-धारा (3) और धारा 158 की उपधारा (2) के साथ पठित धारा 157 द्वारा प्रदत्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए, केंद्रीय अप्रत्यक्ष कर और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड, समुद्री कार्गो मैनीफेस्ट और ट्रांसशिपमेंट विनियम, 2018 में निम्नलिखित संशोधन करता है, अर्थात् - :

1. संक्षिप्त नाम और प्रारंभन - (1) इन विनियमों को समुद्री कार्गो मैनीफेस्ट और ट्रांसशिपमेंट (दूसरा संशोधन) विनियम, 2026 कहा जा सकता है।

(2) ये सरकारी राजपत्र में प्रकाशन की तारीख से लागू होंगे।

2. समुद्री कार्गो मैनीफेस्ट और ट्रांसशिपमेंट विनियम, 2018 में, -

(1) फॉर्म-XII के बाद तालिका में:

- i. क्रमांक 6 के समक्ष, कॉलम (3) में, प्रविष्टि के स्थान पर, प्रविष्टि "31.08.2026" प्रतिस्थापित की जाएगी।

[फा. सं. 450/58/2015- सी.शु.-IV (भाग I)]

इंद्रजीत पांडा , अवर सचिव

नोट: मूल विनियम भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग II, खंड 3 उप-खंड (i) में अधिसूचना संख्या 38/2018-सीमा शुल्क (एन.टी.) दिनांक 11 मई, 2018 के माध्यम से संख्या सा.का.नि. 448 (अ), दिनांक 11 मई, 2018 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए थे और अंतिम बार अधिसूचना संख्या 31/2026 -सीमा शुल्क (गै.टे.) दिनांक 30 मार्च, 2026, संख्या सा.का.नि. 220(अ), दिनांक 30 मार्च, 2026 द्वारा संशोधित किए गए थे।

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

(Department Of Revenue)

(CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES AND CUSTOMS)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 1st July, 2026

No. 61/2026-Customs (N.T.)

G.S.R. 543(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 157, read with sections 30, 30A, 41, 41A, 53, 54, 56, sub-section (3) of section 98 and sub-section (2) of section 158 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs hereby makes the following amendments in the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement. – (1) These regulations may be called the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018.-

(1) In the TABLE after FORM-XII:

- i. against Sr. No. 6, in column (3), for the entry, the entry "31.08.2026" shall be substituted.

[F. No. 450/58/2015- Cus.-IV(Pt.I)]

INDRAJIT PANDA, Under Secy.

Note: The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3 Sub-section (i) *vide* Notification No. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11th May, 2018 *vide* number G.S.R. 448(E), dated the 11th May, 2018 and was last amended *vide* Notification No. 31/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated the 30th March, 2026, *vide* number G.S.R. 220(E), dated the 30th March, 2026.

Circular No. 29 /2026 -Customs

No. 450/58/2015-Cus.IV(Pt.I)
Ministry of Finance
(Department of Revenue)
(Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs)

Room No. 16049, Kartavya Bhavan-1,
New Delhi, the 1st July, 2026.

To
The Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of Customs/Customs
(Preventive)/ Customs & Central Tax,
The Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs/Customs
(Preventive)/Customs & Central Tax,
The Principal Director Generals/Director Generals under CBIC.

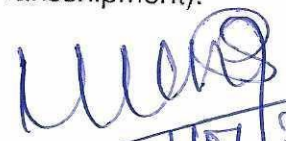
**Subject: Pan-India implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and
Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018-reg.**

Madam/Sir,

Kind attention is invited to the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment
Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 issued *vide* Notification No. 38/2018- Customs (N.T.)
dated 11th May, 2018, as amended from time to time.

2. The Board has received various representations from the trade for smooth
implementation of the SCMTR, 2018. The due date for complete rollout of the
SCMTR, 2018 was prescribed as 30.06.2026 by the Board *vide* Notification No.
31/2026- Customs (N.T.) dated 30.03.2026. The DG Systems implemented the
SCMTR message framework in four functional segments in a phased manner:

- (a). Sea messages to Gateway Port (Arrival);
- (b). Gateway port to foreign sea ports (Departure);
- (c). Gateway port to Inland Customs locations (Import Transshipment); and
- (d). Inland Customs locations to Gateway port (Export Transshipment).


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3. The SCMTR messages relating to cargo movement between gateway ports and foreign sea ports in respect of arrivals (SAM, SEI, SAA, SCE, VCN and Vessel Profile) and departures (SDM, SDA, SCX and SDN) have already been implemented successfully on a Pan-India basis. For Export Transshipment, the SF, ASR and SFCN messages have been implemented nationwide, while the remaining DP, DT, AR and AT messages have been implemented Pan-India on 30.06.2026. Accordingly, all message developments except Import Transshipment (ITP) messages, as envisaged under the SCMTR, 2018 will be fully operational with effect from 01.07.2026. The DG System has issued necessary advisories for implementation of the SCMTR, 2018.
4. In view of the above, it has been decided that field formations and DG Systems should take all necessary steps to ensure the filing of necessary electronic messages by stakeholders. Weekly outreach sessions may be held by each Zone to identify the difficulty faced by stakeholders, if any for the implementation of SCMTR messages.
5. Accordingly, the Board has decided to extend the transitional provisions under the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 up to 31st August, 2026 vide Notification No. 61/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 1st July, 2026. The extension has been granted to encourage all stakeholders, including Authorised Sea Carriers (including Shipping Lines), Authorised Sea Agents (Steamer/Shipping Agents), Authorised Carriers (Transshippers and other notified carriers), Terminal Operators and Custodians, etc. to file all prescribed messages (except ITP) electronically under the SCMTR, 2018 w.e.f. 01.07.2026. In order to facilitate the trade, it has also been decided that no penal action shall be initiated against the trade for technical or procedural difficulties faced by stakeholders upto 31st August, 2026, in the online filing mechanism under the SCMTR, 2018.
6. Field formations may issue suitable Public Notices. The field formations shall resolve the system related issues in coordination with the DG System, and policy related issues shall be brought to the notice of the Board.
7. Any difficulties in implementation may be brought to the notice of the Board.


01/07/2026

Hindi version shall follow.

Yours faithfully



01/07/2026

(Munesh Kumar Meena)

OSD (Cus IV)

Customs Policy Wing



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Date: 30.06.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. 78/2026

Subject: Implementation / Pan-India Rollout of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 - reg.

Kind attention of all Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Authorized Sea Carriers, Authorized Sea Agents, Custodians, Transshippers, Terminal Operators, Container Freight Stations (CFSs), Inland Container Depots (ICDs), SEZ Units, Shipping Lines, Freight Forwarders and all other stakeholders is invited to the provisions of the **Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 (SCMTR, 2018)** issued vide Notification No. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11.05.2018, as amended from time to time.

2. Attention is also invited to the Board's Notification No. 31/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 30.03.2026 (copy enclosed), whereby **30.06.2026** has been notified as the due date for the complete Pan-India rollout of SCMTR, 2018. Further, the Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, New Delhi, vide communication dated 28.06.2026 (copy enclosed), has informed that the Customs Policy Wing has confirmed that **no further extension of the rollout timeline is envisaged.**

3. The Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, vide communication dated 09.06.2026 issued under F. No. DGSYS/APP/ICES/GEN/3/2024 (copy enclosed), regarding mandatory filing under SCMTR, has observed that despite detailed advisories and the parallel-run phase, a significant volume of manifest and transshipment transactions continues to be processed through the Supplementary IGM/EGM mechanism. The continued operation of this parallel system adversely affects data integrity, creates avoidable administrative redundancies and delays the complete migration to the SCMTR framework.

3.1 Accordingly, as directed by the Directorate General of Systems & Data Management vide the aforesaid communication dated 09.06.2026 (copy enclosed), the facility for filing **Supplementary IGM/EGM** at Nhava Sheva Port shall stand disabled with effect from **30.06.2026**. All Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents and other stakeholders operating through JNCH are therefore advised to ensure full compliance with the SCMTR framework. Stakeholders are also advised that continued reliance on the Supplementary IGM/EGM process beyond the prescribed date may result in avoidable processing delays.

3.2 Consequently, the following operational changes shall take effect (Ref.: Public

Notice No. 18/2026, JNCH (copy enclosed):

a. Freight Forwarders/Consolidators shall file the **Cargo Summary Notification (CSN)** within the prescribed timelines. The **Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM)** filed by the Vessel Operator shall appropriately capture the corresponding CSNs and Bills of Lading.

b. Any addition or amendment to a Bill of Lading in the **SAM/CSN** prior to the grant of **Sea Entry Inwards** shall be carried out only through the **Sea Arrival Amendment (SAA)** or **Sea Cargo Amendment (SCA)** messages, as applicable, and **not** through the Supplementary IGM Amendment process. Such amendments shall be system-driven and shall not require routing through the proper officer.

c. Any addition or amendment to a Bill of Lading in the **SAM/CSN** after the grant of **Sea Entry Inwards** shall continue to be processed through the proper officer. In such cases, the officer may seek reasons for the non-inclusion of the Bill of Lading in the original SAM/CSN filed under SCMTR, and supplementary amendment charges, wherever applicable, may be levied in accordance with the existing procedure.

4. Attention is also invited to the communication dated **28.06.2026** (copy enclosed) issued by the Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, CBIC, New Delhi, on the subject "**Pan India Rollout of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018.**" The communication reiterates that no further extension of the rollout timeline is envisaged and directs all Customs formations to proceed with the Pan-India implementation of the **Customs Inland Manifest (CIM-Export)** module for all Custodians, Transshippers and Terminal Operators in alignment with the complete rollout of SCMTR, 2018, with effect from **30.06.2026**.

5. The SCMTR framework has been introduced to streamline maritime trade processes, enhance cargo visibility, strengthen advanced risk management and enable end-to-end digital processing of cargo movement. The legacy IGM/EGM messaging system for gateway port and foreign import/export movements has already been successfully migrated to the corresponding SCMTR message architecture, including **Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM)** and **Sea Departure Manifest (SDM)**. The status of inland movement and export-leg messages under SCMTR is as follows:

1	SF	Stuffing Message
2	ASR	Allowed for Shipment Request
3	SFCN	Stuffing Cancellation
4	DP	Departure Report
5	DT	Departure Time
6	AR	Arrival Report
7	AT	Arrival Time

The messages at Sr. Nos. **1 to 3**, namely **SF, ASR and SFCN**, have already been implemented on a Pan-India basis and are operational. The remaining messages, namely **DP, DT, AR and AT**, have also been successfully tested and

shall be implemented Pan-India in **API mode** with effect from **30.06.2026**. All stakeholders are therefore advised to familiarize themselves with the SCMTR processes and the related advisories, Message Implementation Guides (MIGs), and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the ICEGATE portal.

6. All stakeholders are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of **SCMTR, 2018** by submitting complete, accurate and timely electronic declarations in the prescribed format and within the stipulated timelines. Failure to obtain registration under SCMTR, wherever required, or failure to file the prescribed inland or export-leg messages may result in delays in cargo processing, for which the concerned trade entity shall be solely responsible. Such non-compliance may also attract action under the provisions of the **Customs Act, 1962** and the **Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018**, wherever applicable.

7. To ensure a smooth transition to the complete implementation of SCMTR, 2018, all Custodians, Transshippers, Terminal Operators, CFSs, ICDs, SEZ Units, Authorised Sea Carriers, Authorised Sea Agents and other concerned trade entities shall take the following actions immediately:

- i. ensures that all entities requiring registration under **ICEGATE/SCMTR** are duly registered;
- ii. ensure operational readiness for filing **SF, ASR, SFCN** and all subsequent export-leg messages prescribed under SCMTR;
- iii. promptly take up any API connectivity or technical issues with the **ICEGATE Helpdesk** to avoid disruption in message filing;
- iv. ensure that the **ASR** message is enabled at the concerned locations, wherever required; and
- v. Ensure that all operational personnel are adequately trained and sensitised regarding SCMTR message filing, message flow and the applicable compliance requirements.

8. Since the **SF** and **ASR** messages constitute the foundation for processing the subsequent SCMTR export-leg messages, namely **DP, DT, AR and AT**, all stakeholders shall ensure that the necessary registrations, system enablement, API integration and filing procedures are fully operational before commencement of filing of the subsequent messages.

9. Stakeholders are advised to refer to the advisories, Message Implementation Guides (MIGs) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the **ICEGATE** portal for detailed technical and procedural guidance. Any operational or technical difficulty encountered during implementation may be brought to the notice of the **SCMTR Cell, JNCH**, and/or the **ICEGATE Helpdesk** for prompt resolution.

10. The Import Noting Section, JNCH and the EGM Coordination Cell shall continue to process requests for amendment of **IGM/EGM** filed on or before **30.06.2026**. With effect from **01.07.2026**, the **Assistant Commissioner, SCMTR Cell, JNCH**, who has been duly authorised under **Regulation 8 of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018**, shall process requests relating to amendment of the arrival or departure manifest, including applications for condonation of delay, in accordance with the provisions of the said Regulations.

11. The provisions relating to amendment fees, as prescribed under the applicable Board Circulars, Public Notices and Standing Orders governing **IGM/EGM**

amendments, shall continue to apply, wherever relevant, to amendments processed under **SCMTR, 2018**, until further instructions are issued by the Board.

12. This Public Notice is issued with a view to facilitating legitimate trade, ensuring uniform implementation of the **Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018**, and enabling a smooth and seamless transition to the complete Pan-India rollout of the SCMTR framework.

13. Any difficulty in the implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the **Assistant Commissioner, SCMTR Cell, JNCH**, for appropriate guidance and necessary resolution.

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Commissioner of Customs (General)

JNCH

Encl.: As above.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)
(CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES AND CUSTOMS)

Notification
[No. 31/2026-Customs (N.T.)]

New Delhi, dated the 30th March, 2026.

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 157, read with sections 30, 30A, 41, 41A, 53, 54, 56, sub-section (3) of section 98 and sub-section (2) of section 158 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs hereby makes the following amendments in the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018, namely:-

- 1. Short title and commencement.** – (1) These regulations may be called the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018.-

(1) In the TABLE after FORM-XII:

- i. against Sr. No. 6, in column (3), for the entry, the entry "30.06.2026" shall be substituted.

[F. No. 450/58/2015- Cus.-IV(Pt.D)]



(Indrajit Panda)

Under Secretary Government of India.

Note: The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3 Sub-section (i) *vide* Notification No. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11th May, 2018 *vide* number G.S.R. 448(E), dated the 11th May, 2018 and were last amended *vide* Notification No. 79/2025-Customs (N.T.) dated the 31st December, 2025, *vide* number G.S.R. 941(E), dated the 31st December, 2025.



पूणाली एवं आंकड़ा प्रबंधन महानिदेशालय

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SYSTEMS & DATA MANAGEMENT

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File No.: DGSYS/APP/ICES/GEN/3/2024/889-842 Date: 09/06/2026

To,

All Principal Commissioners / Commissioners of Customs,

Subject: Mandatory Filing of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR)- reg.

Madam / Sir,

Reference is invited to the implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR). The SCMTR system was introduced to streamline maritime trade processes, enhance cargo visibility, and ensure advanced risk management. To achieve full digital optimization, it is imperative that all relevant trade stakeholders transition entirely to this advanced platform.

2. In this regard, despite guidelines and the parallel run phase, it has been observed that a significant volume of manifest and transshipment filings continue to be routed through the supplementary IGM/EGM process. This dual-system operation dilutes data integrity, creates administrative redundancies, and delays the ultimate sunset of legacy modules.
3. A list of 26 Gateway ports through which the SCMTR filings is high (95% of above) is attached in Annexure 'A'. For these ports, it is proposed to disable the supplementary IGM/EGM process from 16.06.2026 onwards. Thereafter, the manifest and transshipment filings can be done only through SCMTR Module.
4. A list of 20 Gateway ports through which the SCMTR filings are less than 95% is attached as Annexure 'B'. It is proposed to disable it from 30.06.2026 onwards.

5. The field formations may monitor and enforce the following:
- i. Monitoring of SCMTR filing: Closely monitor the filing through SCMTR and through supplementary IGM. ICES will generate daily report and circulate with field formations port-wise, along with details of Shipping Lines with their percentage filing through SCMTR.
 - ii. Discourage supplementary filings: Manual or automated filings for modules already covered under SCMTR should be actively discouraged. Field officers should refrain from accepting legacy format filings unless under exceptional system-failure circumstances verified by the local Systems Manager.
 - iii. Stakeholder Sensitization: Trade notices may be issued locally to inform stakeholders that continued reliance on supplementary IGM/EGM process may lead to processing delays, for which the trade entity will be responsible.
6. Difficulties faced, if any, in the implementation of SCMTR module may be brought to the notice of this office immediately.
7. This issues with the approval of Pr. DG(Systems).

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Yours faithfully,

Abhay Gupta
Additional Director (ICES)

Copy to:

1. The Joint Secretary (Customs), CBIC
2. The ADG, ICEGATE
3. All System Managers

Annexure- A

S.N.	CUS_SITE	Site_Name	SCMTR Filing	Supplementary IGM Filing	Total filings	%age filing through SCMTR
1	INBHU1	Bhavnagar Port (Gujarat)	19	0	19	100.00
2	INKRK1	Karaikal Port (Puducherry)	78	0	78	100.00
3	INBED1	Bedi Port / Jamnagar (Gujarat)	174	0	174	100.00
4	INKDN1	Kodinar Port / Muldwarka (Gujarat)	3	0	3	100.00
5	INRVD1	Revdanda Sea Port (Maharashtra)	32	0	32	100.00
6	INNPT1	Nagapattinam Port (Tamil Nadu)	2	0	2	100.00
7	INDIG1	Dighi Sea Port (Maharashtra)	59	0	59	100.00
8	INCDL1	Cuddalore Port (Tamil Nadu)	61	0	61	100.00
9	INRNR1	Ranpar Port (Maharashtra)	14	0	14	100.00
10	INSIK1	Sikka Port (Gujarat)	725	0	725	100.00
11	INNAV1	Navlakhi Port (Gujarat)	512	0	512	100.00
12	INJAK1	Jakhau Port (Gujarat)	2	0	2	100.00
13	INPBD1	Porbandar Port (Gujarat)	55	0	55	100.00
14	INKRW1	Karwar Port (Karnataka)	100	0	100	100.00
15	INOKH1	Okha Port (Gujarat)	24	0	24	100.00
16	INMRM1	Marmagoa Seaport (Goa)	318	1	319	99.69
17	INVAD1	Vadinar Seaport (Gujarat)	658	3	661	99.55
18	INDMT1	Dharamtar Port (Maharashtra)	277	2	279	99.28
19	INMDA1	Magdalla Port / Surat (Gujarat)	660	5	665	99.25
20	INSAL1	Salaya Port (Gujarat)	78	1	79	98.73
21	INKAK1	Kakinada Sea Port (Andhra Pradesh)	663	12	675	98.22
22	INKRI1	Krishnapatnam Port (Andhra Pradesh)	1135	21	1156	98.18
23	INBOM1	Mumbai Sea Port	6076	121	6197	98.05
24	INDAH1	Dahej Port (Gujarat)	605	15	620	97.58
25	INNML1	New Mangalore Port (Karnataka)	3778	160	3938	95.94
26	INOMU1	Old Mundra Port (Gujarat)	22	1	23	95.65

Annexure- B

S.N.	CUS_SITE	Site_Name	SCMTR Filing	Supplementary IGM Filing	Total filings	%age filing through SCMTR
1	INDMA1	Dhamra Port, Odisha	533	31	564	94.50
2	INJGD1	Jaigarh Port (Maharashtra)	456	28	484	94.21
3	INDHP1	Dabhol Port (Maharashtra)	13	1	14	92.86
4	INPRT1	Paradip Port (Odisha)	1779	164	1943	91.56
5	INIXZ1	Port Blair (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)	18	2	20	90.00
6	INHZA1	Hazira Port (Gujarat)	18500	2810	21310	86.81
7	INIXY1	Kandla Port / Deendayal Port (Gujarat)	11807	1883	13690	86.25
8	INGPR1	Gopalpur Port (Odisha)	34	6	40	85.00
9	INGGV1	Gangavaram Port, Andhar Pradesh	1503	305	1808	83.13
10	INTUT1	Tuticorin Port	13780	3296	17076	80.70
11	INVTZ1	Visakhapatnam Sea Port (Andhra Pradesh)	9926	4360	14286	69.48
12	INCOK1	Cochin Sea Port (Kerala)	6825	3835	10660	64.02
13	INNSA1	Nhava Sheva	297415	206067	503482	59.07
14	INMUN1	Mundra Port (Gujarat)	156875	132995	289870	54.12
15	INPAV1	Pipavav Port (Gujarat)	23238	20158	43396	53.55
16	INENR1	Ennore Port	12871	24185	37056	34.73
17	INCCU1	Kolkata Sea Port (West Bengal)	15237	34839	50076	30.43
18	INKAT1	Kattupalli Port (Tamil Nadu)	10988	35361	46349	23.71
19	INALA1	Alang Ship Breaking Port (Gujarat)	43	387	430	10.00
20	INMAA1	Chennai Sea Port (Tamil Nadu)	7194	184352	191546	3.76



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PUBLIC NOTICE No. 18 /2026 02-02-2026

Subject: Issues observed in filing of SAM under SCMTR and disabling of Supplementary IGM amendment before Sea Entry Inwards-reg.

Kind attention of all stakeholders is invited to Public Notice No. 11/2025 dated 24.01.2025, issued by the Commissioner of Customs (NS-General), JNCH vide which it was informed that filing of Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM) had been made mandatory with effect from 16.01.2025.

2. After reviewing the filing of SAM (Sea Arrival Manifest), it has been observed that NCTC is unable to consume all data under SCMTR for risk analysis and trade facilitation even though SAM (Sea Arrival Manifest) has been implemented w.e.f. 16.01.2025 Pan-India. It has been observed that many freight forwarders/consolidators are not declaring the House BLs through CSN message timely, and thereby Vessel Operators are filing SAM declaring such BLs as a straight BL (without House BL details), and thereafter the House BLs are being appended through supplementary IGM amendment filed by the freight forwarders/consolidators. Vessel operators are also filing incomplete BL, and rest BLs are added via supplementary amendment. However, such lines added through supplementary IGM, are without additional parameters as mandated under SAM manifest [eg: HSN and CIN (unique cargo identification number) are not available in supplementary IGM amendment] and basis this, NCTC is unable to consume all data for risk analysis and trade facilitation.

2.1. In view of the above, it has been decided that the supplementary IGM amendment before Sea Entry Inwards would be disabled on **20.02.2026**.



2.2. Consequently, the expected results would be:

- a. Freight forwarders/ consolidators would file their CSN timely, and SAM filing by Vessel Operators would include such CSNs and the BLs.
- b. Any addition/ amendment of BL in SAM/CSN before Sea Entry Inwards, would be done through SAA/SCA (sea arrival amendment and sea cargo amendment messages), and not through Supplementary IGM Amendment. This would be automatic and will not be routed through officer.
- c. Any addition/ amendment of BL in SAM/ CSN after Sea Entry Inwards would be routed through Officer, where Officer may ask reasons for non-inclusion of BL in SAM/ CSN under SCMTR, and supplementary amendment charges can be levied as per existing procedures.

2.3. This is expected to encourage freight forwarders, consolidators, shipping lines, and vessel operators to ensure complete filing of manifests under the new SCMTR regime. These changes will be implemented with effect from **20.02.2026**.

3. Implementation of Container Global Bond under SCMTR:

At present, system is enforcing availability of CG (container global) bond, when SAM/SDM is filed by the vessel operator. However, its full implementation including the automatic debit and automatic credit is still under progress. To implement CG bond, it is necessary that there is a single CG bond for ONE entity and also that the bond is active. However, it has been noticed that number of container global bonds (CG) are expired as on date, and also that some PANs are linked to multiple such CG bonds. Since there can be only ONE CG bond pertaining to a PAN, accordingly all stakeholders are advised to not register multiple CG bonds to a single PAN. Further, necessary action may be taken to ensure that all CG bonds are active. This is necessary before CG bond is enabled in the system, subsequent to which all debits/credits would happen through CG bond.

4. To ensure smooth implementation of SCMTR, 2018, this Zone, in coordination with the Directorate General of Systems, will conduct weekly awareness and outreach programmes to sensitize all stakeholders and address the issues being faced by them in relation to SCMTR, 2018.

5. This Public Notice is being issued to facilitate trade and ensure a smooth transition towards compliance with the SCMTR, 2018.

6. 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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Commissioner of Customs

NS-General, JNCH





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Date: /06/2026

To,

All Principal Chief Commissioners / Chief Commissioners of Customs,

Subject: Pan India Rollout of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018- reg

Respected Madam/Sir,

Kind attention is invited to Board's Notification No. 31/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 30.03.2026, wherein the due date for complete rollout of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 has been prescribed as 30.06.2026. In this regard, the Customs Policy Wing has conveyed that no further extension is envisaged. Accordingly, this office shall proceed with the pan-India implementation of the Customs Inland Manifest (CIM-Export) module for all custodians, Transshippers and Terminals in alignment with the complete rollout of SCMTR, 2018, with effect from 30.06.2026.

2. The SCMTR system was introduced to streamline maritime trade processes, enhance cargo visibility, and ensure advanced risk management. To achieve full digital optimization, it is imperative that all relevant trade stakeholders' transition entirely to this advanced platform. While the messages between gateway ports and foreign imports i.e. erstwhile IGM/EGM have already been successfully updated to SAM/SDM, the status of messages pertaining to the movement pertaining to inland movement of cargo i.e. between ICD/CFS/SEZ etc. & gateway port is as follows:

1. SF — Stuffing Message
2. ASR — Allowed for Shipment Request
3. SFCN - Stuffing Cancellation
4. DP— Departure Report

5. DT — Departure Time

6. AR — Arrival Report

7. AT — Arrival Time

Out of these, messages in S.No. 1 to 3 (i.e SF, ASR & SFCN) have already been implemented pan India and functioning smoothly. The remaining messages have been tested successfully and will be implemented pan India in API mode with effect from 30-06-2026. Stakeholders need to familiarize themselves with SCMTR processes including advisories, message implementation guides and FAQs readily available on ICEGATE website (<https://www.icegate.gov.in/advisories/scmtr>).

3. In view of above, it is requested that all field formations under your jurisdiction may strictly enforce the following directives:

- Stakeholder Sensitization: Trade notices may be issued locally to inform the stakeholders that failure to register under SCMTR and file the prescribed inland messages may result to processing delays, for which the concerned trade entity will be held responsible. Customs offices may coordinate with the concerned stakeholders i.e custodians, trans-shippers, terminal operators etc. to ensure the registration and filing procedures are duly in place.
- Enablement of ASR message: Field formations may ensure that the ASR message is enabled at concerned sites. This office has already enabled the SF w.e.f. 25-11-2025 (letter enclosed) along with ASR & SFCN message pan India and same was communicated to field formations vide letter dated 20-05-2026 (copy enclosed). It may be noted that once SF and ASR messages are operational, only then the subsequent set of messages under SCMTR export leg, i.e., DP/DT/AR/AT can function. The Procedure for enabling ASR message by field formations is enclosed with this letter. Since, as discussed above, enabling ASR message would make SF and ASR mandatory, field formations are requested to kindly ensure the following before enabling the site for ASR:
 - a. Field formations may ensure the readiness of ACU, ATP and ATO in their jurisdiction. Any API connectivity issues should be taken up urgently with the ICEGATE Helpdesk so as to enable ACU and ATP to file their set of messages without disruption.
 - b. Field formations may also ensure the registration of ACU and ATP entities who would be filing SF and ASR messages. Any registration related issues may be immediately escalated to the ICEGATE Helpdesk for resolution.
- Nominate a nodal officer from concerned customs formation for communication regarding SCMTR operations and share details with DG Systems.

4. Difficulties faced, if any, in the implementation of these directives may be brought to the notice of this office immediately. Nodal officers in respect of ICES (Customs officer, EDI related queries) & ICEGATE (trade related queries) are as follows:

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This issues with the approval of Pr. ADG(ICES).

Yours faithfully,

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Additional Director (ICES)

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2. The Joint Secretary (Customs)
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विषय - SCMTR, 2018 के तहत ASR (शिपमेंट अनुरोध की अनुमति)
संदेश और SFCN (स्टफिंग रद्द करना) संदेश का पूरे भारत में कार्यान्वयन - दिनांक
25.05.2026 से प्रभावी - के संबंध में।

महोदय,

कृपया उपरोक्त विषय के संदर्भ में दिनांक 20.05.2026 को जारी किया जा पत्र संलग्न किया जा रहा है।

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To,

All Chief Commissioners of Customs / Customs (Preventive)
All Principal Commissioners / Commissioners of Customs
(All Customs Zones)

Sub: Pan India implementation of ASR (allowed for shipment request) Message and SFCN (Stuffing Cancellation) message under SCMTR, 2018 - w.e.f 25.05.2026 - reg.

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to letter dated 09/03/2026 and dated 30/03/2026 vide which ASR (allowed for shipment request) message under SCMTR Regulations, 2018, was launched at CFS Sattva (in INMAA1) and at ICD Palwal (INPWL6). Further, reference is also invited to letter dated 18/11/2025 vide which SF message under SCMTR were also made live Pan-India.

Now, this Office is making ASR message live Pan-India with effect from 25.05.2026. Along with this, a new message of SFCN (Stuffing Cancellation) would also be made live on the same date. This SFCN message will enable the custodians to reset the already filed SF message.

Impact of these changes would be that:

1. Once SF message is filed by the custodian, ASR message would be filed by the Authorized Transhipper (ATP), indicating the cargo movement readiness for transshipment. Successful ASR message moves the Shipping Bill to the next queue, as ASR message is filed SB-wise, while SF message is Container-wise.

2. Once SF and ASR messages are made operational, only then the next set of messages under SCMTR export leg, i.e., DP/DT/AR/AT, would be made operational.

Procedure for enabling ASR message by field formations is enclosed with this letter. Since, as discussed above, enabling ASR message, would make SF and ASR mandatory, field formations may kindly ensure the following before enabling the site for ASR:

a. Readiness of ACU and ATP in the field formations may be ensured. Any API connectivity issues may be taken up urgently with the ICEGATE Helpdesk so as to enable ACU and ATP to file their set of messages.

b. Field formations may ensure registration of ACU and ATP who would be filing SF and ASR messages. Any registration related issues may be immediately taken up with ICEGATE Helpdesk.

This issues with the approval of the Pr. ADG (ICES).

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Yours faithfully,

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