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Subject: International Transhipment of FCL/LCL cargo from all Ports/Airports, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz-Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962 — reg.

Attention of all Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Port Terminal Operators, Shipping Lines/Shipping Agents, CFSs under the jurisdiction of JNCH, Nhava Sheva and members of the trade is invited to the Circular No. 15/2026 Customs dated 27.03.2026 issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs in the context of severe disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz, resulting in diversion/return of export cargo from international waters/ Indian Waters. Reference is also invited to Circular No. 14/2007-Customs dated 16.03.2007, which prescribes the procedure for international transhipment of cargo.

2. In view of the ongoing disruption in maritime routes, and with a view to facilitating trade and mitigating logistical bottlenecks, the Board has clarified that international transhipment of both FCL and LCL cargo shall be permitted from all seaports and international airports, including cases involving transhipment through other Customs stations, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, and the rules made thereunder.

3. Further, for the purpose of expeditious processing and supervision of requests for international transhipment, the following officer is designated as the Nodal Officer for JNCH, Mumbai Customs Zone-II:

- i. Name & designation : Shri Manoj Kumar, Additional Commissioner, NS-Gen.
- ii. Email : manoj.irs88@gov.in
- iii. Contact No. : 8750276098

4. The procedure prescribed in Board Circulars No. 14/2007-Cus dated 16.03.2007 and No. 12/2026-Customs dated 17.03.2026, for allowing International Transhipment of FCL/LCL cargo from all Ports/Airports shall be duly followed.

5. Transshipment involving multiple Customs stations: In cases where the international transshipment involves movement of cargo to another Customs station (port/airport) for onward transshipment, the following procedure shall be followed:

- i. The Nodal Officer at the originating Customs station shall obtain prior consent through official email from the Nodal Officer of the concerned transit/destination Customs station;
- ii. The Nodal Officer of the transit/destination station shall convey consent through official email after verifying availability of sufficient, safe and secure storage space, adequate infrastructure and logistics support, and readiness to handle and supervise such transshipment cargo;
- iii. Upon receipt of such consent, the Nodal Officer of originating customs station shall ensure that the permission for international transshipment permission may be granted at the originating station on priority basis;
- iv. The movement of cargo to the transit/destination Customs station shall take place under appropriate Customs control (including sealing of containers, where required).

6. The Custodian of the cargo at the originating, transit and destination Customs stations shall be responsible for safe custody, secure storage, proper handling and accounting of transshipment cargo during the entire period it remains under their charge. The Custodian shall ensure compliance with all Customs instructions, maintain proper records, facilitate Customs supervision, and immediately report any discrepancy, damage or irregularity noticed in the transshipment cargo.

7. Further, it has been represented to the Board that certain cargo moving from Bangladesh via Kolkata/Mumbai and presently lying at JNPT requires temporary facilitation for onward movement through Mumbai airport for international transshipment. The said matter is under examination by the Board.

8. Representations have also been received from the trade regarding export cargo, originally cleared at ICDs, which is presently lying at gateway ports on account of disruption in maritime routes. In this regard, the Board has clarified that,-

- i. On the request of exporter, cancellation of LEO/Shipping Bill shall be permitted by the originating ICD. Based on such cancellation, Customs officer at the gateway port may allow movement of such cargo out of the port for return to the exporter or for re-routing, as appropriate, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962. There is no need to bring back the containers at originating ICD. Custodian at gateway port shall ensure proper accounting of such cargo.
- ii. Such requests shall be processed expeditiously, in coordination with the concerned ICD and gateway port, so as to mitigate congestion and facilitate trade. To streamline

procedures and minimize delays, all communications and submissions may be carried out electronically through official email, with a copy marked to the concerned exporter and physical documentation be avoided to the extent possible.

9. The above facility along with relaxation timeline as indicated at pars 3 of Circular No. 12/2026-Customs dated 17.03.2026 shall remain in force till 15.04.2026.
10. Difficulties, if any, encountered in the implementation of this Public Notice shall be brought to the immediate notice of the Commissioner of Customs (General).

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JNCH, Nhava Sheva

To:

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