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**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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