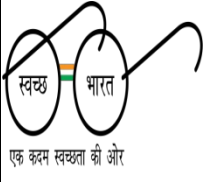


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Public Notice No. 08/2026

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

Attention of all Importers, Exporters, Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents, Custodians, Customs Brokers, and other stakeholders is invited to the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018, issued vide Notification No. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11.05.2018, as amended from time to time, and further extended vide Notification No. 31/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 30.03.2026.

2. In this regard, reference is invited to Circular No. 16/2026-Customs dated 30.03.2026 issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), wherein the status of implementation of SCMTR has been reviewed.

3. It is informed that:

- a. SCMTR message formats relating to movement of cargo between gateway ports and foreign ports, for both arrival and departure, have been implemented across the country.
- b. Stuffing (SF) messages have also been made operational at all locations.
- c. However, uniformity in filing of SF messages is yet to be achieved.

4. All stakeholders are hereby advised to ensure:

- a. Filing of **complete, accurate, and timely electronic declarations** as prescribed under SCMTR.
- b. **Consistent and uniform filing of Stuffing (SF) messages**

at all locations without deviation.

5. It is further informed that the **transitional provisions under SCMTR have been extended up to 30th June 2026**. During this period:

a. All stakeholders must align their systems and processes with SCMTR requirements.

b. Any deficiencies in compliance should be rectified on priority.

6. To facilitate smooth implementation, this Commissionerate will conduct **regular outreach programs / sensitization sessions** in coordination with the Directorate General of Systems. Stakeholders are encouraged to actively participate in these sessions.

7. Trade and industry are requested to take note of the above and ensure strict compliance to avoid any disruption in cargo movement and clearance.

8. Difficulties, if any, faced in implementation may be brought to the notice of this office at the earliest.

BHARAT PRAKASH
COMMISSIONER

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1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs – for information
2. All Deputy/Assistant Commissioners – for wide publicity
3. Notice Board / Website
4. Trade Associations / Customs Brokers Association
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Chief Commissioner of Customs (P), Trichy- with a request to direct the concerned officers to post it in zonal website.