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Public Notice No. 16/2026

Subject: Phased Mandating of SCMTR Messages and Discontinuation of Erstwhile Export Messages- Implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018– reg.

Attention of all Importers, Exporters, Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents, Custodians, Customs Brokers, and other stakeholders is invited to the instructions on Phased Mandating of SCMTR Messages and Discontinuation of erstwhile Export Messages issued vide Circular No. 47/2026-Customs dated 01.11.2026 in F. No. 450/58/2015-Cus.IV(Pt.I).

2. Under the SCMTR framework, all import and export leg messages have already been deployed by DG Systems in the ICES. The Board has approved the phase-wise stoppage of erstwhile export messages and mandated the filing of SCMTR-compliant messages (including CIM messages) across all field formations under Customs Preventive Zone, Trichy by 07th December, 2026.

3. All ICDs, CFSs, Ports/Terminal Operators and SEZ units falling under the Customs Preventive Zone, Trichy are requested to ensure that all relevant stakeholders (ICD/CFS custodians, trans-shippers, Port/Terminal operators, shipping lines and Freight Forwarders/ Consolidators) complete their software integration and operational testing well before the indicated cut-off date.

4. Further, If any ICD, CFS, or SEZ formation requires a dedicated training or handholding session for officers or local trade stakeholders, the requirement along with suggested dates and specific focus areas may be communicated to this office at the earliest, well before the respective zonal due date, via email to commrprevtry-policy@gov.in for further forwarding to DG Systems.

4. Any difficulties in implementation may be brought to the notice of this office.

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The Chief Commissioner of Customs (P), Trichy - with a request to direct the concerned officers to post it in zonal website.