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Subject: - Implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations

Date:07-04-2025

(SCMTR) - Reg.

Ref.: CBIC Circular No. 10/2025-Customs dated 28.03.2025

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The Board has examined the implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 and it has been noted that the messages to be filed by Carriers on arrival of the cargo has been made mandatory. However, the messages to be filed by Carriers (including Shipping Lines/Freight Forwarders), on export of cargo at sea ports, have not yet been tested sufficiently, leading to non-implementation of SCMTR. Similarly, transhipment messages have also not been tested by transhippers (shipping lines, custodians, train operators, as the case may be).

- 2. In this regard, attention is invited to penal provisions provided in the regulation no. 13 of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 issued vide notification no. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11th May, 2018, wherein, an authorized carrier who contravenes any provision of these regulations shall be liable to a penalty which may extend to rupees fifty thousand. It is expected that the respective stakeholders comply with the legal provisions, so far as it relates to the implementation of the SCMTR, thus not attracting penal provisions.
- 3. Hence, as a last facilitation measure, the transitional provisions for the SCMTR is being extended till 31.05.2025, so that the interim time available be gainfully utilized by all the stakeholders for filing declarations in the prescribed format electronically without any penal provisions.
- 4. The Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs, IG Section, Custom House, Tuticorin is required to conduct weekly outreach programs in coordination with the Directorate General of Systems so that the extended time frame is fully utilized by all stakeholders for smooth implementation of SCMTR.

- 5. This Public Notice shall be considered as Standing Order for the purpose of officers and staff of the Department.
- 6. Any difficulties faced in the implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the undersigned.

Hindi version follows.

(VIKAS NAIR) COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

To

- i). Members/ Trade Associations as per mailing list.
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- iii). Notice Board, Custom House, Tuticorin
- iv). EDI Section, Customs House, Tuticorin for uploading in the website.

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