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Dated:02-07-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE No. 05/2026

Sub: PAN India Rollout of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment of Regulations (SCMTR), 2018-Reg.

Kind attention of all Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers, Authorized Sea Carriers, Authorized Sea Agents, Custodians, Transshippers, Terminal Operators, Container Freight Stations (CFSs), Inland Container Depots (ICDs), SEZ Units, Shipping Lines, Freight Forwarders and all other stakeholders is invited to the provisions of the **Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 (SCMTR, 2018)** issued vide Notification No. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11.05.2018, as amended from time to time.

2. Attention is also invited to the Board's Notification No. 31/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 30.03.2026 (copy enclosed), whereby **30.06.2026** has been notified as the due date for the complete Pan-India rollout of SCMTR, 2018. Further, the Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, New Delhi, vide communication dated 28.06.2026 (copy enclosed), has informed that the Customs Policy Wing has confirmed that **no further extension of the rollout timeline is envisaged.**

3. The Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, vide communication dated 09.06.2026 issued under F. No. DGSYS/APP/ICES/GEN/3/2024 (copy enclosed), regarding mandatory filing under SCMTR, has observed that despite detailed advisories and the parallel-run phase, a significant volume of manifest and transshipment transactions continues to be processed through the Supplementary IGM/EGM mechanism. The continued operation of this parallel system adversely affects data integrity, creates avoidable administrative redundancies and delays the complete migration to the SCMTR framework.

3.1 Accordingly, as directed by the Directorate General of Systems & Data Management vide the aforesaid communication dated 09.06.2026 (copy enclosed), the facility for filing **Supplementary IGM/EGM** at Tuticorin Port shall stand disabled with effect from **30.06.2026**. All Shipping Lines, Shipping

Agents and other stakeholders operating through Tuticorin Port are therefore advised to ensure full compliance with the SCMTR framework. Stakeholders are also advised that continued reliance on the Supplementary IGM/EGM process beyond the prescribed date may result in avoidable processing delays.

3.2 Consequently, the following operational changes shall take effect:

a. Freight Forwarders/Consolidators shall file the **Cargo Summary Notification (CSN)** within the prescribed timelines. The **Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM)** filed by the Vessel Operator shall appropriately capture the corresponding CSNs and Bills of Lading.

b. Any addition or amendment to a Bill of Lading in the **SAM/CSN** prior to the grant of Sea Entry Inwards shall be carried out only through the **Sea Arrival Amendment (SAA)** or **Sea Cargo Amendment (SCA)** messages, as applicable, and not through the Supplementary IGM Amendment process. Such amendments shall be system-driven and shall not require routing through the proper officer.

c. Any addition or amendment to a Bill of Lading in the **SAM/CSN** after the grant of **Sea Entry Inwards** shall continue to be processed through the proper officer. In such cases, the officer may seek reasons for the non-inclusion of the Bill of Lading in the original SAM/CSN filed under SCMTR, and supplementary amendment charges, wherever applicable, may be levied in accordance with the existing procedure

4. Attention is also invited to the communication dated **28.06.2026** (copy enclosed) issued by the Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, CBIC, New Delhi, on the subject "**Pan India Rollout of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018.**" The communication reiterates that no further extension of the rollout timeline is envisaged and directs all Customs formations to proceed with the Pan-India implementation of the **Customs Inland Manifest (CIM-Export)** module for all Custodians, Transshippers and Terminal Operators in alignment with the complete rollout of SCMTR, 2018, with effect from **30.06.2026**.

5. The SCMTR framework has been introduced to streamline maritime trade processes, enhance cargo visibility, strengthen advanced risk management and enable end-to-end digital processing of cargo movement. The legacy IGM/EGM messaging system for gateway port and foreign import/export movements has already been successfully migrated to the corresponding SCMTR message architecture, including **Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM)** and **Sea Departure Manifest (SDM)**. The status of inland movement and export-leg messages under SCMTR is as follows:

1	SF	Stuffing Message
2	ASR	Allowed for Shipment Request
3	SFCN	Stuffing Cancellation
4	DP	Departure Report

5	DT	Departure Time
6	AR	Arrival Report
7	AT	Arrival Time

The messages at Sr. Nos. **1 to 3**, namely **SF, ASR and SFCN**, have already been implemented on a Pan-India basis and are operational. The remaining messages, namely **DP, DT, AR and AT**, have also been successfully tested and shall be implemented Pan-India in **API mode** with effect from **30.06.2026**. All stakeholders are therefore advised to familiarize themselves with the SCMTR processes and the related advisories, Message Implementation Guides (MIGs), and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the ICEGATE portal.

6. All stakeholders are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of **SCMTR, 2018** by submitting complete, accurate and timely electronic declarations in the prescribed format and within the stipulated timelines. Failure to obtain registration under SCMTR, wherever required, or failure to file the prescribed inland or export-leg messages may result in delays in cargo processing, for which the concerned trade entity shall be solely responsible. Such noncompliance may also attract action under the provisions of the **Customs Act, 1962** and the **Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018**, wherever applicable.

7. To ensure a smooth transition to the complete implementation of SCMTR, 2018, all Custodians, Transshippers, Terminal Operators, CFSs, ICDs, SEZ Units, Authorised Sea Carriers, Authorised Sea Agents and other concerned trade entities shall take the following actions immediately:

- i. ensures that all entities requiring registration under **ICEGATE/SCMTR** are duly registered;
- ii. ensure operational readiness for filing **SF, ASR, SFCN** and all subsequent export-leg messages prescribed under SCMTR;
- iii. promptly take up any API connectivity or technical issues with the **ICEGATE Helpdesk** to avoid disruption in message filing;
- iv. ensure that the **ASR** message is enabled at the concerned locations, wherever required; and
- v. Ensure that all operational personnel are adequately trained and sensitised regarding SCMTR message filing, message flow and the applicable compliance requirements.

8. Since the **SF and ASR** messages constitute the foundation for processing the subsequent SCMTR export-leg messages, namely **DP, DT, AR and AT**, all stakeholders shall ensure that the necessary registrations, system enablement, API integration and filing procedures are fully operational before commencement of filing of the subsequent messages.

9. Stakeholders are advised to refer to the advisories, Message Implementation Guides (MIGs) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) available on the **ICEGATE** portal for detailed technical and procedural guidance. Any operational or technical difficulty encountered during implementation may be brought to the notice of the **Assistant Commissioner (SCMTR), Customs House, Tuticorin Commissionerate**, and/or the **ICEGATE Helpdesk** for prompt resolution.

10. The Import General Section, Customs House, Tuticorin Commissionerate shall continue to process requests for amendment of **IGM/EGM** filed on or before **30.06.2026**. With effect from **01.07.2026**, the **Assistant Commissioner (SCMTR), Customs House Tuticorin Commissionerate**, who has been duly authorised under **Regulation 8 of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations, 2018**, shall process requests relating to amendment of the arrival or departure manifest, including applications for condonation of delay, in accordance with the provisions of the said Regulations.

11. The provisions relating to amendment fees, as prescribed under the applicable Board Circulars, Public Notices and Standing Orders governing **IGM/EGM** amendments, shall continue to apply, wherever relevant, to amendments processed under **SCMTR, 2018**, until further instructions are issued by the Board.

12. This Public Notice is issued with a view to facilitating legitimate trade, ensuring uniform implementation of **the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations, 2018**, and enabling a smooth and seamless transition to the complete Pan-India rollout of the SCMTR framework.

13. Any difficulty in the implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of **the Assistant Commissioner, SCMTR, Customs House, Tuticorin Commissionerate**, for appropriate guidance and necessary resolution.

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Devendra Vasudeo Nagvenkar
Date: 02-07-2026 19:00:42

(DEVENDRA V. NAGVENKAR)
PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
TUTICORIN COMMISSIONERATE

To

- i). Notice Board, Custom House, Tuticorin
- ii). EDI Section, Customs House, Tuticorin for uploading in the website.

Copy submitted to:

The Chief Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Trichy

[TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF INDIA, EXTRAORDINARY, PART II, SECTION 3, SUB-SECTION (i)]

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE)
(CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES AND CUSTOMS)

Notification
[No. 31/2026-Customs (N.T.)]

New Delhi, dated the 30th March, 2026.

G.S.R. (E).- In exercise of the powers conferred by section 157, read with sections 30, 30A, 41, 41A, 53, 54, 56, sub-section (3) of section 98 and sub-section (2) of section 158 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs hereby makes the following amendments in the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018, namely:-

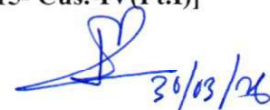
- 1. Short title and commencement.** – (1) These regulations may be called the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment (First Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018.-

(1) In the TABLE after FORM-XII:

- i. against Sr. No. 6, in column (3), for the entry, the entry "30.06.2026" shall be substituted.

[F. No. 450/58/2015- Cus.-IV(Pt.I)]



(Indrajit Panda)

Under Secretary Government of India.

Note: The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3 Sub-section (i) *vide* Notification No. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11th May, 2018 *vide* number G.S.R. 448(E), dated the 11th May, 2018 and were last amended *vide* Notification No. 79/2025-Customs (N.T.) dated the 31st December, 2025, *vide* number G.S.R. 941(E), dated the 31st December, 2025.



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File No.: DGSYS/APP/ICES/GEN/3/2024

Date: /06/2026

To,

All Principal Chief Commissioners / Chief Commissioners of Customs,

Subject: Pan India Rollout of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018- reg

Respected Madam/Sir,

Kind attention is invited to Board's Notification No. 31/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 30.03.2026, wherein the due date for complete rollout of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 has been prescribed as 30.06.2026. In this regard, the Customs Policy Wing has conveyed that no further extension is envisaged. Accordingly, this office shall proceed with the pan-India implementation of the Customs Inland Manifest (CIM-Export) module for all custodians, Transshippers and Terminals in alignment with the complete rollout of SCMTR, 2018, with effect from 30.06.2026.

2. The SCMTR system was introduced to streamline maritime trade processes, enhance cargo visibility, and ensure advanced risk management. To achieve full digital optimization, it is imperative that all relevant trade stakeholders' transition entirely to this advanced platform. While the messages between gateway ports and foreign imports i.e. erstwhile IGM/EGM have already been successfully updated to SAM/SDM, the status of messages pertaining to the movement pertaining to inland movement of cargo i.e. between ICD/CFS/SEZ etc. & gateway port is as follows:

1. SF — Stuffing Message
2. ASR — Allowed for Shipment Request
3. SFCN - Stuffing Cancellation
4. DP— Departure Report

5. DT — Departure Time

6. AR — Arrival Report

7. AT — Arrival Time

Out of these, messages in S.No. 1 to 3 (i.e SF, ASR & SFCN) have already been implemented pan India and functioning smoothly. The remaining messages have been tested successfully and will be implemented pan India in API mode with effect from 30-06-2026. Stakeholders need to familiarize themselves with SCMTR processes including advisories, message implementation guides and FAQs readily available on ICEGATE website (<https://www.icegate.gov.in/advisories/scmtr>).

3. In view of above, it is requested that all field formations under your jurisdiction may strictly enforce the following directives:

- Stakeholder Sensitization: Trade notices may be issued locally to inform the stakeholders that failure to register under SCMTR and file the prescribed inland messages may result to processing delays, for which the concerned trade entity will be held responsible. Customs offices may coordinate with the concerned stakeholders i.e custodians, trans-shippers, terminal operators etc. to ensure the registration and filing procedures are duly in place.
- Enablement of ASR message: Field formations may ensure that the ASR message is enabled at concerned sites. This office has already enabled the SF w.e.f. 25-11-2025 (letter enclosed) along with ASR & SFCN message pan India and same was communicated to field formations vide letter dated 20-05-2026 (copy enclosed). It may be noted that once SF and ASR messages are operational, only then the subsequent set of messages under SCMTR export leg, i.e., DP/DT/AR/AT can function. The Procedure for enabling ASR message by field formations is enclosed with this letter. Since, as discussed above, enabling ASR message would make SF and ASR mandatory, field formations are requested to kindly ensure the following before enabling the site for ASR:
 - a. Field formations may ensure the readiness of ACU, ATP and ATO in their jurisdiction. Any API connectivity issues should be taken up urgently with the ICEGATE Helpdesk so as to enable ACU and ATP to file their set of messages without disruption.
 - b. Field formations may also ensure the registration of ACU and ATP entities who would be filing SF and ASR messages. Any registration related issues may be immediately escalated to the ICEGATE Helpdesk for resolution.
- Nominate a nodal officer from concerned customs formation for communication regarding SCMTR operations and share details with DG Systems.

4. Difficulties faced, if any, in the implementation of these directives may be brought to the notice of this office immediately. Nodal officers in respect of ICES (Customs officer, EDI related queries) & ICEGATE (trade related queries) are as follows:

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This issues with the approval of Pr. ADG(ICES).

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
Aravind Kamalanathan
Date: 28-06-2026
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Additional Director (ICES)

Encl: As above

Copy to:

1. The Pr. ADG, DG Co-ordination Cell, DG System
2. The Joint Secretary (Customs)
3. The ADG, ICEGATE



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File No.: DGSYS/APP/ICES/GEN/3/2024/839-842 Date: 09/06/2026

To,

All Principal Commissioners / Commissioners of Customs,

**Subject: Mandatory Filing of Sea Cargo Manifest and
Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR)- reg.**

Madam / Sir,

Reference is invited to the implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR). The SCMTR system was introduced to streamline maritime trade processes, enhance cargo visibility, and ensure advanced risk management. To achieve full digital optimization, it is imperative that all relevant trade stakeholders transition entirely to this advanced platform.

2. In this regard, despite guidelines and the parallel run phase, it has been observed that a significant volume of manifest and transshipment filings continue to be routed through the supplementary IGM/EGM process. This dual-system operation dilutes data integrity, creates administrative redundancies, and delays the ultimate sunset of legacy modules.

3. A list of 26 Gateway ports through which the SCMTR filings is high (95% of above) is attached in Annexure 'A'. For these ports, it is proposed to disable the supplementary IGM/EGM process from 16.06.2026 onwards. Thereafter, the manifest and transshipment filings can be done only through SCMTR Module.

4. A list of 20 Gateway ports through which the SCMTR filings are less than 95% is attached as Annexure 'B'. It is proposed to disable it from 30.06.2026 onwards.

5. The field formations may monitor and enforce the following:
- i. Monitoring of SCMTR filing: Closely monitor the filing through SCMTR and through supplementary IGM. ICES will generate daily report and circulate with field formations port-wise, along with details of Shipping Lines with their percentage filing through SCMTR.
 - ii. Discourage supplementary filings: Manual or automated filings for modules already covered under SCMTR should be actively discouraged. Field officers should refrain from accepting legacy format filings unless under exceptional system-failure circumstances verified by the local Systems Manager.
 - iii. Stakeholder Sensitization: Trade notices may be issued locally to inform stakeholders that continued reliance on supplementary IGM/EGM process may lead to processing delays, for which the trade entity will be responsible.
6. Difficulties faced, if any, in the implementation of SCMTR module may be brought to the notice of this office immediately.
7. This issues with the approval of Pr. DG(Systems).

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Abhay Gupta
Date: 09-06-2026
16:20:15

Yours faithfully,

Abhay Gupta
Additional Director (ICES)

Copy to:

1. The Joint Secretary (Customs), CBIC
2. The ADG, ICEGATE
3. All System Managers

Annexure- A

S.N.	CUS_SITE	Site_Name	SCMTR Filing	Supplementary IGM Filing	Total filings	%age filing through SCMTR
1	INBHU1	Bhavnagar Port (Gujarat)	19	0	19	100.00
2	INKRK1	Karaikal Port (Puducherry)	78	0	78	100.00
3	INBED1	Bedi Port / Jamnagar (Gujarat)	174	0	174	100.00
4	INKDN1	Kodinar Port / Muldwarka (Gujarat)	3	0	3	100.00
5	INRVD1	Revdanda Sea Port (Maharashtra)	32	0	32	100.00
6	INNPT1	Nagapattinam Port (Tamil Nadu)	2	0	2	100.00
7	INDIG1	Dighi Sea Port (Maharashtra)	59	0	59	100.00
8	INCDL1	Cuddalore Port (Tamil Nadu)	61	0	61	100.00
9	INRNR1	Ranpar Port (Maharashtra)	14	0	14	100.00
10	INSIK1	Sikka Port (Gujarat)	725	0	725	100.00
11	INNAV1	Navlakhi Port (Gujarat)	512	0	512	100.00
12	INJAK1	Jakhau Port (Gujarat)	2	0	2	100.00
13	INPBD1	Porbandar Port (Gujarat)	55	0	55	100.00
14	INKRW1	Karwar Port (Karnataka)	100	0	100	100.00
15	INOKH1	Okha Port (Gujarat)	24	0	24	100.00
16	INMRM1	Marmagoa Seaport (Goa)	318	1	319	99.69
17	INVAD1	Vadinar Seaport (Gujarat)	658	3	661	99.55
18	INDMT1	Dharamtar Port (Maharashtra)	277	2	279	99.28
19	INMDA1	Magdalla Port / Surat (Gujarat)	660	5	665	99.25
20	INSAL1	Salaya Port (Gujarat)	78	1	79	98.73
21	INKAK1	Kakinada Sea Port (Andhra Pradesh)	663	12	675	98.22
22	INKRI1	Krishnapatnam Port (Andhra Pradesh)	1135	21	1156	98.18
23	INBOM1	Mumbai Sea Port	6076	121	6197	98.05
24	INDAH1	Dahej Port (Gujarat)	605	15	620	97.58
25	INNML1	New Mangalore Port (Karnataka)	3778	160	3938	95.94
26	INOMU1	Old Mundra Port (Gujarat)	22	1	23	95.65

Annexure- B

S.N.	CUS_SITE	Site_Name	SCMTR Filing	Supplementary IGM Filing	Total filings	%age filing through SCMTR
1	INDMA1	Dhamra Port, Odisha	533	31	564	94.50
2	INJGD1	Jaigarh Port (Maharashtra)	456	28	484	94.21
3	INDHP1	Dabhol Port (Maharashtra)	13	1	14	92.86
4	INPRT1	Paradip Port (Odisha)	1779	164	1943	91.56
5	INIXZ1	Port Blair (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)	18	2	20	90.00
6	INHZA1	Hazira Port (Gujarat)	18500	2810	21310	86.81
7	INIXY1	Kandla Port / Deendayal Port (Gujarat)	11807	1883	13690	86.25
8	INGPR1	Gopalpur Port (Odisha)	34	6	40	85.00
9	INGGV1	Gangavaram Port, Andhar Pradesh	1503	305	1808	83.13
10	INTUT1	Tuticorin Port	13780	3296	17076	80.70
11	INVTZ1	Visakhapatnam Sea Port (Andhra Pradesh)	9926	4360	14286	69.48
12	INCOK1	Cochin Sea Port (Kerala)	6825	3835	10660	64.02
13	INNSA1	Nhava Sheva	297415	206067	503482	59.07
14	INMUN1	Mundra Port (Gujarat)	156875	132995	289870	54.12
15	INPAV1	Pipavav Port (Gujarat)	23238	20158	43396	53.55
16	INENR1	Ennore Port	12871	24185	37056	34.73
17	INCCU1	Kolkata Sea Port (West Bengal)	15237	34839	50076	30.43
18	INKAT1	Kattupalli Port (Tamil Nadu)	10988	35361	46349	23.71
19	INALA1	Alang Ship Breaking Port (Gujarat)	43	387	430	10.00
20	INMAA1	Chennai Sea Port (Tamil Nadu)	7194	184352	191546	3.76



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दिनांक 20.05.2026

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विषय - SCMTR, 2018 के तहत ASR (शिपमेंट अनुरोध की अनुमति)
संदेश और SFCN (स्टफिंग रद्द करना) संदेश का पूरे भारत में कार्यान्वयन - दिनांक
25.05.2026 से प्रभावी - के संबंध में।

महोदय,

कृपया उपरोक्त विषय के संदर्भ में दिनांक 20.05.2026 को जारी किया जा पत्र संलग्न किया जा रहा है।

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अतिरिक्त सहायक निदेशक, (ICES)



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Date:- /05/2026

To,

All Chief Commissioners of Customs / Customs (Preventive)
All Principal Commissioners / Commissioners of Customs
(All Customs Zones)

Sub: Pan India implementation of ASR (allowed for shipment request) Message and SFCN (Stuffing Cancellation) message under SCMTR, 2018 - w.e.f 25.05.2026 - reg.

Madam/Sir,

Please refer to letter dated 09/03/2026 and dated 30/03/2026 vide which ASR (allowed for shipment request) message under SCMTR Regulations, 2018, was launched at CFS Sattva (in INMAA1) and at ICD Palwal (INPWL6). Further, reference is also invited to letter dated 18/11/2025 vide which SF message under SCMTR were also made live Pan-India.

Now, this Office is making ASR message live Pan-India with effect from 25.05.2026. Along with this, a new message of SFCN (Stuffing Cancellation) would also be made live on the same date. This SFCN message will enable the custodians to reset the already filed SF message.

Impact of these changes would be that:

1. Once SF message is filed by the custodian, ASR message would be filed by the Authorized Transhipper (ATP), indicating the cargo movement readiness for transshipment. Successful ASR message moves the Shipping Bill to the next queue, as ASR message is filed SB-wise, while SF message is Container-wise.

2. Once SF and ASR messages are made operational, only then the next set of messages under SCMTR export leg, i.e., DP/DT/AR/AT, would be made operational.

Procedure for enabling ASR message by field formations is enclosed with this letter. Since, as discussed above, enabling ASR message, would make SF and ASR mandatory, field formations may kindly ensure the following before enabling the site for ASR:

a. Readiness of ACU and ATP in the field formations may be ensured. Any API connectivity issues may be taken up urgently with the ICEGATE Helpdesk so as to enable ACU and ATP to file their set of messages.

b. Field formations may ensure registration of ACU and ATP who would be filing SF and ASR messages. Any registration related issues may be immediately taken up with ICEGATE Helpdesk.

This issues with the approval of the Pr. ADG (ICES).

Encl: As above

Digitally signed by
Kannav Sharma
Date: 20-05-2026
19:46:34

Yours faithfully,

(Kannav Sharma)
Joint Director (ICES)

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1. The DG Cell, DG System
2. The Pr. ADG, ICEGATE
3. The Joint Secretary (Customs)