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विषय/Subject: International Transhipment of FCL/ LCL cargo from all Ports/Airports, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of HormuzSection 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962- reg.– Reg.

Attention of all trade, and stakeholders is invited to Circular No. 15/2026-Customs dated 27.03.2026 issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). Reference is invited to the Circulars No. 09/2026-Customs dated 08.03.2026, No. 10/2026-Customs dated 10.03.2026 and No. 12/2026-Customs dated 17.03.2026 issued by the Board in the context of severe disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz, resulting in diversion/return of export cargo from international waters to Indian Waters. Reference is also invited to Circular No. 14/2007-Customs dated 16.03.2007, which prescribes the procedure for international transhipment of cargo.

2. सभी संबंधित व्यक्तियों की जानकारी के लिए निम्नलिखित दिशानिर्देश जारी किए जाते हैं:
The following guidelines are hereby issued for the information of all concerned:

- (i) In view of the ongoing disruption in maritime routes and with a view to facilitate trade and mitigate logistical bottlenecks, it is clarified that International transhipment of both FCL (Full Container Load) and LCL (Less than full Container Load) cargo shall be permitted from all seaports and international airports, including cases involving transhipment through other Customs stations, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, the rules made thereunder.
- (ii) The procedure prescribed in the Board Circulars No. 14/2007-Cus dated 16.03.2007 and No. 12/2026-Customs dated 17.03.2026, for allowing International Transhipment of FCL/LCL cargo from all Ports/Airports shall be duly followed. The Nodal Officer (details given below) shall ensure that permissions for international transhipment are granted by the jurisdictional Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs, duly authorised by the jurisdictional Commissioner, on priority basis, after due verification.

Details of Nodal officer

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(iii) Transhipment involving multiple Customs stations: In cases where the international transhipment involves movement of cargo to another Customs station (port/airport) for onward transhipment, the following procedure shall be followed:

- a) The Nodal Officer at the originating Customs station shall obtain prior consent through official email from the Nodal Officer of the concerned transit/destination Customs station;
- b) The Nodal Officer of the transit/destination station shall convey consent through official email after verifying availability of sufficient, safe and secure storage space, adequate infrastructure and logistics support, and readiness to handle and supervise such transhipment cargo;
- c) Upon receipt of such consent, the Nodal Officer of originating customs station shall ensure that the permission for international transhipment may be granted at the originating station on priority basis;
- d) The movement of cargo to the transit/destination Customs station shall take place under appropriate Customs control (including sealing of containers, where required).

(iv) The Custodian of the cargo at the originating, transit and destination Customs stations shall be responsible for safe custody, secure storage, proper handling and accounting of transhipment cargo during the entire period it remains under their charge. The Custodian shall ensure compliance with all Customs instructions, maintain proper records, facilitate Customs supervision, and immediately report any discrepancy, damage or irregularity noticed in the transhipment cargo.

(v) Representations have also been received from the trade regarding export cargo, originally cleared at ICDs, which is presently lying at gateway ports on account of disruption in maritime routes. In this regard, it is clarified that-

- a) On the request of exporter, cancellation of LEO/Shipping Bill shall be permitted by the originating ICD. Based on such cancellation, Customs officer at the gateway port may allow movement of such cargo out of the port for return to the exporter or for re-routing, as appropriate, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962. There is no need to bring back the containers at originating ICD. Custodian at gateway port shall ensure proper accounting of such cargo.
- b) Such requests shall be processed expeditiously, in coordination with the concerned ICD and gateway port, so as to mitigate congestion and facilitate trade. To streamline procedures and minimize delays, all communications and submissions may be carried out electronically through official email, with a copy marked to the concerned exporter and physical documentation be avoided to the extent possible.

- (vi) Further, attention is also invited to the provision of SCMTR, 2018, which provide a comprehensive framework for electronic filing and processing of cargo manifest and transshipment operations. Implementation of SCMTR, 2018, has remained deferred mainly on account of development and testing of requisite messages by stakeholders. All zones and DG Systems should expedite operationalisation of SCMTR, 2018, which will greatly aid in such emergent situations requiring supply chain resilience.
- (vii) **The above facility along with relaxation timeline as indicated at para 3 of Circular No. 12/2026-Customs dated 17.03.2026 shall remain in force till 15.04.2026.**

3. इस लोक सूचना के क्रियान्वयन में यदि कोई कठिनाई हो, तो उसे सहायक/उप आयुक्त (डॉक्स) के संज्ञान में आधिकारिक ईमेल csd.mglr-customs@gov.in के माध्यम से लाया जा सकता है।

Difficulties, if any, in implementation of this Public Notice may be brought to the notice of the Assistant / Deputy Commissioner (Docks) through official email csd.mglr-customs@gov.in.

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