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PUBLIC NOTICE No. 31/2026-SCMTR

विषय **/ Subject: Implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 – Phased discontinuation of erstwhile export messages and mandatory filing of CIM messages – Reg.**

Kind attention of all Exporters, Customs Brokers, Shipping Lines, Steamer Agents, Custodians, Terminal Operators, Port Authorities, Trans-shippers and other stakeholders functioning under the jurisdiction of Mangaluru Customs is invited to CBIC Circular No. 47/2026-Customs dated 01.11.2026, issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), regarding implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018.

2. In this regard, it is informed that the Directorate General of Systems & Data Management, has deployed all import and export leg messages under the SCMTR framework. However, filing of export-side messages under the SCMTR framework is yet to be fully implemented across all ports. Further, certain stakeholders, including custodians, terminal operators and trans-shippers, are still in the process of transitioning to SCMTR-compliant software and message formats due to system integration and operational readiness requirements.

3. Accordingly, CBIC, vide the above-mentioned Circular, has decided to discontinue the erstwhile export messages in a phased manner and mandate filing of the corresponding CIM messages under the SCMTR framework. As per Annexure A to the said Circular, the implementation date for **Bengaluru Customs Zone, under which Mangaluru Customs falls, is 23.11.2026**.

4. In view of the above, all stakeholders are hereby advised to take necessary steps to ensure that their systems, software and message formats are fully compliant with the SCMTR, 2018, and that they are

operationally ready for filing the prescribed CIM messages with effect from **23.11.2026**. Stakeholders are also advised to coordinate with their respective software service providers and undertake necessary system integration and testing well in advance to avoid any disruption to export cargo operations.

5. During the transition period, stakeholders shall make all efforts to ensure a smooth migration to the SCMTR framework. Any system-related difficulties encountered during implementation may be brought to the notice of this office for taking up the matter with the Directorate General of Systems, CBIC. Policy-related issues, if any, will be brought to the notice of the Board.

6. As clarified by the Board in the aforesaid Circular, **no penal action shall be initiated against stakeholders during the implementation phase** on account of difficulties arising in the transition to the SCMTR framework.

7. All stakeholders are requested to take note of the above and extend their cooperation for smooth and seamless implementation of SCMTR, 2018, within the jurisdiction of Mangaluru Customs.

Encl: Circular No. 47/2026-Customs dated 01.11.2026

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COMMISSIONER

सेवा में **/To,**

1. **All Exporters under the jurisdiction of Mangaluru Customs.**
2. **All Customs Brokers.**
3. **All Shipping Lines / Steamer Agents.**
4. **All Custodians / Terminal Operators.**
5. **New Mangalore Port Authority.**
6. **All Trans-shippers and other concerned stakeholders.**
7. **The Customs Brokers Association, Mangaluru.**
8. **Notice Board/Website**

Circular No. 47/2026 -Customs

No. 450/58/2015-Cus.IV(Pt.I)
Ministry of Finance
(Department of Revenue)
(Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs)
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Room No. 16049, Kartavya Bhavan-1,
New Delhi, the 1st November, 2026.

To
The Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners of Customs/Customs (Preventive)/ Customs & Central Tax,
The Principal Commissioners/Commissioners of Customs/Customs (Preventive)/Customs & Central Tax,
The Principal Director Generals/Director Generals under CBIC.

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

Madam/Sir,

Kind attention is invited to the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 issued *vide* Notification No. 38/2018- Customs (N.T.) dated 11th May, 2018 Customs and Notification No. 90/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 1st November, 2026.

2. It has been observed that all import and export leg messages have been deployed by DG Systems under SCMTR framework. However, filing of export-side messages is still limited to certain ports. Further, stakeholders including custodians, terminal operators and trans-shippers are not yet fully transitioned to SCMTR based filing, specifically due to their dependence on third-party software and the time required for system integration and operational readiness. Some stakeholders are still in the process of adopting SCMTR compliant software and message formats.

3. Accordingly, the Board has decided that the erstwhile export messages shall be discontinued in a phased manner to finally complete the transition without

disrupting cargo clearance and trade operations as per **Annexure A,** till 31st January, 2027.

4. In this transition period, all stakeholders shall adopt SCMTR-compliant software and message formats. The field formations may issue suitable Public Notices and undertake outreach measures, in coordination with stakeholders to familiarise trade with provisions of the SCMTR, 2018 for smooth roll-out of SCMTR, 2018. The field formations shall resolve the system related issues in coordination with the DG System, and policy related issues shall be brought to the notice of the Board. No penal action should be taken during this implementation phase.

5. Any difficulties in implementation may be brought to the notice of the Board.

Hindi version shall follow.

Yours faithfully,

Indrajit Panda
Under Secretary (Cus IV)
Customs Policy Wing

Annexure A.

Proposal for phase-wise stoppage of erst-while export messages, mandating the CIM messages under SCMTR, 2018:

S.No.	Zone	Proposed Date
1	Thiruvananthapuram	16-11-26
2	Bengaluru	23-11-26
3	Vishakhapatnam & Hyderabad	27-11-26
4	Bhubaneshwar	01-12-26
5	Trichy Preventive	07-12-26
6	Chennai	07-12-26
7	Kolkata & Guwahati	14-12-26
8	Patna & Bhopal	14-12-26
9	Delhi & Delhi Preventive, Meerut	06-01-27
10	Ahmedabad	06-01-27
11	Mumbai Zone – I, II, Nagpur & Pune	06-01-27