



India - Clarification of Sea Cargo Manifest Regulations

Dear,

Further to recent updates communicated on the India Sea Cargo Manifest (SCMT) Regulations, please be advised that in a **post meeting with the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)** on August 26, 2019, following was **clarified** with regards to **Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM) and Sea Departure Manifest (SDM)**:

- **PCIN (Primary Cargo Identification Number)** will be generated by Customs whenever an actual shipper and consignee manifest the House Bill of Lading for Imports or the LEO (Let Order Export) Shipping Bill for Export cargoes.
- **CSN (Cargo Summary Notification)** will be generated by Customs when a forwarder/consolidator files the House Bill of Lading (HBL) details using CSN format.
- **MCIN (Master Cargo Identification Number)** will be generated by Customs when details of HBL matches with details of Master Bill of Lading (MBL) with respective CSN or SAM / SDM file.

Implementation Deadline:

- ♣ The SCMT came into force with effect from 1st August 2019. However, CBIC have granted a **grace period until September 15, 2019** to allow all stakeholders to arrange required process- and system changes.
- ♣ As from September 16, 2019 Shipping lines have to carry out **parallel filing of customs manifest**, both as per the SCMT and existing regulations.
- ♣ **Effective November 1, 2019 only the SCMT regulations** are to be adhered to.

Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM)

Import manifest will now be known as **Arrival Manifest** and Shipping Lines will be required to submit details of all import, transshipment & onboard containers to Indian Customs prior to departure or vessel sailing from the last port of call before calling India ports.

For the shipments discharging/destined to Indian ports, the Arrival Manifest (SAM) should also include following data elements –

- HSN Code (6 digit numeric)
- IEC (Importer Exporter Code) of the Consignee (If IEC not available, PAN of Consignee should be mentioned)
- PAN (Permanant Account Number) of Notify/consignee
- Invoice value & Currency

The House Bill of Lading (HBL) information needs to be declared in the SAM prior departure from the last port of call.

Arrival Manifest Requirement

Submit all IGM/SCMT relevant information, House Bill of Lading (HBL) or Cargo Summary Notification (CSN) preferred Container Freight Station (CFS) details etc. to Hapag-Lloyd at least 72 hours prior to vessel sailing from last port of call before calling Indian ports.

Important note: - For transshipment and in-transit (FROB) containers, above data elements are not required. However, complete Bill of Lading information is required to be available 72 hours prior to vessel sailing from the last port of call.

Sea Departure Manifest (SDM)

Export manifest will now be known as **Departure Manifest** and Shipping Lines will be required to submit details of all export containers to Indian Customs prior to departure of the vessel.

Departure Manifest (SDM) should also include following data elements –

- HSN Code (6 digits numeric)

- IEC code of Shipper/Consignor (if IEC not available PAN of shipper/consignor should be mentioned).

Departure Manifest Requirement

In order to comply with SCMT deadlines, we will be implementing revised Cut-offs for **Export Cargo** effective September 16, 2019. Please refer to our website for the cut-offs to be followed for each of our services.

You are kindly requested to submit the PCIN (generated post filing of LEO Shipping Bill) or the CSN (generated by Forwarders/Consolidators generated) to Hapag-Lloyd within the cut-off deadline.

In case CSN not generated by Forwarders/Consolidators, the House Bill of Lading (HBL) data together with PCIN should be submitted to Hapag-Lloyd within the cut-off announced.

Further information on the data submission will be advised shortly.

Manifest Amendments:

Any amendments post filing of SAM or SDM will be subject to the approval of Indian Customs Authorities and will attract customs penalties/fines.

The detailed information on SCMT can be accessed on below link of the **ICEGATE** (India Customs National Trade Portal).

We are here for you - if you have any questions or comments, please contact your local **Hapag-Lloyd office or send me an **email**.**

Best regards,



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