

CUSTOMER ADVISORY

MSC 569 – CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS IN FILING OF SEA CARGO MANIFEST AND TRANSHIPMENT (SCMT) REGULATIONS

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Dear valued customer,

Wherein the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIT) Notification No. 17 / 2019- Customs (N.T.) dated 27th February 2019 for Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, the CBIT and the Customs has made changes in the regulation for Filing of Sea Cargo Manifest for all Cargo arriving on vessels calling and departing India.

The current status for SCMT implementation date remains 1st August 2019 although Customs grant additional 45 days till for preparation of system / EDI formats.

The key highlights of the new revised regulations specify that it is Compulsory & Mandatory for the Shipping Lines, Importer, Exporter and other custodians of cargo to comply with the regulation, by strictly adhering to the defined timelines for filing of all cargo arriving and departing any Indian port.

This rule is applicable for all cargo discharging, loading, transshipping and going via any (FROB – Freight Remain on Board) Indian ports.

- **Departure Manifest:** Export manifest is required to be submitted to the Indian customs prior to departure/sailing of the vessel from any Port of Loading in India.
- **Arrival Manifest:** Import Manifest is required to be submitted to the Indian customs prior to departure of vessel from the last foreign port.

In order to enable adhere to these timelines for advanced manifest submission, we certainly need your support in making the submissions **by filing the correct and complete information within the Shipping Instructions (SI)** to be sent within the SI deadlines, specified by the shipping line.

Further please find below Mandatory Data Elements – which are a **MUST** to be filed within the Shipping Instructions:

- 1) **HS code:** 6 Digit HS (Harmonized) code and correct HS code cargo description within your booking already (full HS code to be advised within your SI latest)
- 2) **IEC Code** (Import Export Code) of Consignee
- 3) **PAN** Number of the Notify Party (If the Notify Party resided in India)
- 4) All information (**including the HBL - house bill of lading, DPD + CFS nominations**) also needs to be submitted within the Deadlines of ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE manifest as per LINE's set vessel /voyage schedule.
- 5) **Value of cargo.** This should be imperatively mentioned into your sailing instructions (format must reflect currency + invoice value; as example: USD20000.00) and should never be print on the OBL unless the merchant prepare to keep the b/l ad valorem by accepting the additional insurance premium over and above the freight to MSC Line.

Needless to state that any Non-compliance to the above requirements within agreed timelines, will lead to cargo not planned for loading and / or Issuance of Bill of lading may be withheld where the entire risk, cost and consequence remain on account of merchant.

In this regard we solicit your support on adherence to the timely submissions of all relevant documents for planning of your shipment(s) to enable us being compliant with the new regulations.

We will keep you posted on further development (if any).
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