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RE: Customer Advisory Sea Cargo Manifest And Transhipment Regulations 2019

Dear Customer,

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Custom (CBIC) have notified Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations 2018, which shall come into force from 01 August 2019. The new regulation stipulates changes in timelines and requirements for advance notice by shipping lines (Vessels) arriving in India and Exports through shipping lines (vessels) out of India. As per the new regulations, the Authorised Sea Carrier (ASC) / Authorised Sea Agent (ASA) shall submit an Arrival Manifest electronically, prior to departure from the last port of call to the Indian Port of call. And submit a Departure Manifest electronically before departure from the Indian Port of call.

SCMTR Introduces:

- Arrival Manifest in place of IGM
- Departure Manifest in place of EGM
- Arrival Transhipment Manifest in place of SMTP
- Departure Transhipment Manifest in place of Truck Summary.

- Arrival Manifest (AM):

Mandatory rule of Arrival Manifest to be filed in customs before vessel getting departed from Last foreign port of call. Example for Galex westbound, Port Klang is the last foreign port of call. For all containers going to discharge for local or discharge for transhipment at any Indian Ports. Harmonized (HS) Code of 8-digit is mandatory for Arrival Manifest to customs

- Departure Manifest (DM):

Mandatory rule of Departure Manifest must be submitted to India Customs Prior Sailing of vessel from Port of Loading in India
Applied for all containers loaded on said vessel at Indian Ports.

- Salient Features of SCMTR:

Covers reporting of all cargo in the ship rather than import/ export cargo (coastal cargo, same bottom cargo)

Seeks additional details about every cargo reported (invoice value, HSN etc.)

Time of reporting is advanced to the port of departure

Ensures track and trace of the cargo reported

Includes features necessary for movement of vessel within India

Electronic capture of details sought manually through paper (Crew List etc.)

Online Application for Entry Inward

Enhanced, Real-time information exchange

- Stakeholders of SCMTR:

Authorised Sea Carriers(ASC): The Indian entity representing the Master of the vessel that shall have to be registered with the Indian Customs to transact business under the new regulations. (Including Shipping Line)

Authorised Sea Agents (ASA): The agents (Steamer or Shipping Agent) acting on behalf of the Authorised Sea Carrier

IEC Holders

Authorised Carrier (Transhipper)

Custodians

Authorised Persons of all the above

These changes are scheduled to come into force effective 01st August 2019. However, as off now the customs working on the implementation process in consultation with the relevant stake holders, to determine the modalities in order to comply with this regulation. Besides the above there are ongoing discussion between Shipping Lines, Customs & Other Stake Holders, with regards to the registration process & various information fields that are required to be manifested in addition to the information that is a part of cargo manifest as per the current manifest filing format.

However if this gets implemented then we would require full set of documents in advance to comply with the above requirement along with the following details -

HS code: 6 Digit HS (Harmonized) Code.

IEC code (Import Export Code) of Shipper for Exports out of India.

IEC code (Import Export Code) of Consignee for Imports into India.

PAN Number of notify party (If notify party is from India)

GST Number - Goods & Service Tax

Commercial Invoice Value Of the Cargo

Consignee Contact Details

Needless to state that any non-compliance to the above requirements within required timelines, will lead to cargo not planned for loading and the entire risk, cost and consequences remain on account of merchant. In this regard we solicit your support on adherence to the timely submission of your documents for planning your shipment to enable us to be complaint with the new regulations.

Would also like to highlight that this above is preliminary information. Any changes in regulations regarding implementation and timelines will be advised as soon as we are in receipt of the revised information from authorities.