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To,

All Members of Plexconcil/ COA Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Advisory to Members – Handling of Export Cargo Returned to India due to Closure of the Strait of Hormuz (as per Circular No. 09/2026-Customs dated 08 March 2026)

Dear Members,

This is to inform members that the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue (CBIC) has issued Circular No. 09/2026-Customs dated 08 March 2026 prescribing a **special procedure for export cargo that is returning to Indian ports due to disruption in maritime routes following the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.**

In order to facilitate trade and ensure smooth handling of such cargo, CBIC has provided simplified procedures under Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962 for handling export consignments that are unable to reach their destination and are returning to India.

Members are requested to take note of the key situations covered under the circular:

- 1. Cargo Loaded on Vessel within Indian Territorial Waters and EGM/SDM Not Filed**
- 2. Cargo Loaded on Vessel within Indian Territorial Waters and EGM/SDM Filed OR Vessel in International Waters Returning Without Calling at Foreign Port**
- 3. Vessel Beyond Indian Territorial Waters Returning After Calling at a Foreign Port (Without Discharging Containers)**

Members may note that Customs authorities will also ensure **recovery of export incentives such as IGST refunds or drawback, if already disbursed** in respect of such shipments. The above relaxation is **valid for 15 days from the date of issuance of the circular.**

Members are requested to refer the entire circular (attached herewith) for complete details.

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This is for your information

Best Regards

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