



THE PLASTICS EXPORT
PROMOTION COUNCIL

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To,

All Members of Plexconcil/ COA Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Procedure to handle export cargo originating from SEZ in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz- Section 143AA of the Customs Act. 1962.

Ref: CBIC Circular No. 19/2026-Customs dated 10th April 2026

We wish to inform you that a circular has been issued regarding the procedure to handle export cargo originating from SEZs in view of the disruption in maritime routes due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, under Section 143AA of the Customs Act, 1962.

In this context, the following procedure has been clarified for export cargo originally cleared at SEZs but presently lying at gateway ports:

Key Steps for Exporters

1. Cancellation of LEO/Shipping Bill

- Exporter may request cancellation at originating SEZ.
- Customs at gateway port can then permit cargo movement (return or re-routing).
- Containers **do not need to return** to SEZ.
- Custodian must ensure proper accounting.

2. Expeditious Processing

- Requests to be handled quickly in coordination with SEZ & gateway port.
- Use **official email** for communication; mark exporter in copy.
- Avoid physical documentation wherever possible.

3. Cargo Returned to Gateway Ports

SEZ-originating export cargo loaded into vessels but returned to gateway ports shall be handled as per Circular No. 09/2026 dated 08.03.2026 and para 2(a) of Circular No. 12/2026-Customs dated 17.03.2026, as applicable.

4. De-stuffing & Storage

- Permission may be given for storage in **Customs Bonded Warehouse** at gateway port.
- Re-routing allowed with filing of new Shipping Bills and compliance with legal provisions.

The above facility along with relaxation timeline as indicated at para 10 of **Circular No. 15/2026 Customs dated 27.03.2026** (https://membership.plasticsepc.org/mails_images/20260413124221.pdf) shall remain in force till **30.04.2026**.

Members are requested to refer to the detailed circular here:

https://membership.plasticsepc.org/mails_images/20260413010610.pdf

This is for your information.

Best Regards

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