



THE PLASTICS EXPORT
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To

All Members of Plexconcil / COA Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Standardisation of procedures relating to grant of Entry Inward and Vessel Sail-out Clearance

Ref: CBIC Circular No. 26/2026-Customs

We wish to inform that the above-mentioned circular is issued regarding varying practices followed across ports with regard to grant of Entry Inward and Vessel Sail-out Clearance, which in certain cases are being linked with physical boarding of Customs officers on the vessel, resulting in avoidable delays in commencement and completion of cargo operations.

The following clarifications and directions are issued for uniform implementation:

- SAM/SDM filing is mandatory under SCMTR for all shipping lines and agents.
- Crew effects, ship stores, and passenger details must be declared in SAM/SDM.
- Upload supporting details in PDF via e-Sanchit with IRN-based referencing.
- Customs officers will grant Entry Inward and Sail-out Clearance remotely, based on online filings.
- Physical boarding of vessels is independent and will be undertaken only on a risk-based profiling.
- Stakeholders must ensure timely and accurate online filing to avoid delays in cargo operations.

Members are required to refer to the official circular here:

https://membership.plasticsepc.org/mails_images/20260520010236.pdf

This is for information.

Best Regards

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