



THE PLASTICS EXPORT
PROMOTION COUNCIL

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To

All Members of Plexconcil / COA Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018

Ref: CBIC Circular No. 38/2026-Customs dated 1 Sep 2026

We wish to inform you about above referred circular regarding Implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 vide Notification No. 38/2018- Customs (N.T.) dated 11th May, 2018 Customs Notification No. 73/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 1st September, 2026.

Members, please note that SCMTR, 2018 aims to ensure transparency and predictability in cargo movement through advance electronic collection of cargo information, thereby enabling effective risk assessment and expeditious Customs clearance.

- The SEZ units may utilise this transition period for on-boarding into SCMTR framework.
- The field formations may issue suitable Public Notices and undertake outreach measures, in coordination with stakeholders to familiarise trade with provisions of the SCMTR, 2018 for smooth roll-out of SCMTR, 2018.
- The field formations shall resolve the system related issues in coordination with the DG System, and policy related issues shall be brought to the notice of the Board.
- No penal action should be taken during this implementation phase.

In view of the above, the SCMTR, 2018 shall be made operational with effect from **1st September 2026** across ports in a phased manner, as per schedule mentioned at Annexure A included in the CBIC circular.

Members are requested to refer the official circular here:

https://membership.plasticsepc.org/mails_images/20260902121853.pdf

Enclosed Notifications for your reference:

1. Notification No. 38/2018- Customs (N.T.) dated 11th May, 2018: https://membership.plasticsepc.org/mails_images/20260902122103.pdf
2. Notification No. 73/2026-Customs (N.T.) dated 1 September, 2026. :https://membership.plasticsepc.org/mails_images/20260902122207.pdf

This is for information.

Best Regards,

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