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## Extension of existing Amendment Message Filing Prior to Grant of Entry Inward at JNCH

### Key Highlights



#### Extension Granted

Existing EDI 1.5 format amendment message filing prior to grant of Entry Inward has been **extended till 31 March 2026**.



#### Transition to SCMTR Regime

Shipping lines, freight forwarders, consolidators, and vessel operators should begin complete filing of manifests under the SCMTR framework during the interim period.



#### Trade Facilitation

The extension will ensure smooth transition and compliance with SCMTR, 2018.



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Dear Madam / Sir,

O/o JNCH Customs (General) has issued Public Notice No. 28/2026 dated 06 March 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) regarding extension of the existing amendment message filing system prior to the grant of Entry Inward.

Key Highlights of the Public Notice:

Earlier, vide Public Notice No. 11/2025 dated 24th January 2025 made filing of Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM) mandatory with effect from 16th January 2025. The Sea Arrival

Manifest is a document filed with Customs by the shipping line or vessel agent when a vessel arrives at an Indian port.

For the benefit of members, the following terms may be noted:

- Import General Manifest (IGM): A document filed by the shipping line with Customs containing details of all import cargo carried on the vessel.
- Sea Entry Inward: Permission granted by Customs allowing the vessel to enter the port and commence unloading of cargo.
- Supplementary IGM amendment before Sea Entry Inward: A facility that allows the shipping line or agent to correct or add details in the IGM before Customs grants Entry Inward to the vessel.

Subsequently, Public Notice No.18/2026 dated 2nd February 2026 had informed that the facility for supplementary IGM amendment before Sea Entry Inward would be disabled from 20th February 2026.

However, based on representations received from the trade, Customs has decided to continue the existing EDI 1.5 format for filing amendment messages prior to the grant of Entry Inward up to 31st March 2026.

During this interim period, freight forwarders, consolidators, shipping lines and vessel operators are expected to complete filing of manifests under the new SCMTR regime.

This extension has been provided to facilitate trade and ensure a smooth transition towards compliance with the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018.

Members are requested to kindly take note of the above development and make necessary preparations to comply with the SCMTR manifest filing requirements within the extended timeline.

In case of any implementation difficulties, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Assistant Commissioner, SCMTR Cell, JNCH for appropriate resolution.

Regards,

**Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal**  
Executive Director

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