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Sub: Implementation of Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 – Extension of Transitional Provisions

Dear Madam / Sir,

JNCH, Nhava Sheva has issued [Public Notice](#) No. 42/2026 dated 07.04.2026 regarding the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR). The SCMTR was first notified in 2018 and the Stuffing Message Module was introduced at JNPA Port in November 2025 and later rolled out nationwide in September 2025. While import and export manifest messages are working smoothly, uniformity in stuffing (SF) messages is still pending.

To allow further testing across ports and facilities, the transitional provisions have been extended until 30th June 2026. During this period, stakeholders must continue submitting accurate electronic declarations in the prescribed format.

Weekly awareness programs will be organised by Customs, along with the Directorate General of Systems, to guide stakeholders and resolve issues. Members are encouraged to attend these sessions, ensure timely submissions and report any difficulties to the Assistant Commissioner, SCMTR Cell.

You are requested to take the note of the above.

Regards,

Dr. Siddhartha Rajagopal
Executive Director

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