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Sea Cargo Manifest and Trans-shipment Regulations (SCMT), India

Dear Valued Customer,

As a step forward towards increasing ease of business, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has made some changes in the regulation for filing Sea Cargo Manifest for all cargo arriving, departing and passing through India.

The new regulations come into force from 1st August 2019. However, as per the draft amendment of the SCMT guideline published on 12th July 2019, customs have proposed a transition period of 45 days (i.e., up to 15th September 2019) to enable all stakeholders to make necessary changes in their systems/processes. In consideration of the same, we will share the final go-live dates shortly.

Sea Departure Manifest (SDM): This replaces the erstwhile Export General Manifest (EGM). The SDM is required to be submitted to customs prior to departure/sailing of the vessel from any Port of Loading in India.

Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM): This replaces the erstwhile Import General Manifest (IGM). SAM is required to be submitted to Indian customs prior to departure of vessel from the last foreign port.

To adhere to these timelines, we will need your support in submitting the shipping instructions/any other documents prior to prescribed deadlines. The new mandatory data elements required are as described below.

- 1) **HS code:** 6-Digit HS (Harmonized System) code (Customer can provide the said detail either in description or customer specified HS code field (Portal))

Cargo Description	<input type="text"/>
Marks and Numbers (optional)	<input type="text"/>
HS code	<input type="text"/>

- 2) **IEC code:** 10-digit IEC (Import Export Code) of Consignee (for imports into India) & Shipper (for exports from India)
- 3) **PAN Number:** 10-digit PAN (Permanent Account Number) of notify party (If notify party is from India)
- 4) **Invoice Value:** Value of the cargo along with currency (3-digit alphabetical code) as per commercial invoice.



Revised timelines with regards to SI submission/HBL manifest/HSS/CFS-DPD Nomination requests will be shared shortly

A detailed FAQ sheet has been attached for your convenience. Please refer to the sheet for all queries regarding HBL manifestation and manifest updation.

Non-compliance to the above requirements may lead to cargo not being loaded or issuance of original Bill of lading may be held back where the entire risk, cost and consequence remain on account of merchant.

We thank you for your support. We will keep you informed of any further development. Should you have any questions or require any assistance regarding SCMT, please contact us on scmtqueries@maersk.com

Yours sincerely,
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