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Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulation (SCMTR)

Dear All Valued Customers,

Following our previous advisories regarding the Sea Cargo Manifest Transshipment Regulations (SCMTR) 2018, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has implemented SCMTR for Sea Departure Manifest (SDM) & Sea Departure notification (SDN) port wise as listed below.

To comply with the SCMTR process, kindly find the below guidelines:-

Shipping Instructions (SI):-

- SI needs to be submitted 48 HRS prior to vessel ETA
- Cargo description and HS code (6 digit) to be mentioned as per the shipping bill filed with Indian Customs.
- SI with multiple HS codes to be filed cargo wise as per the shipping bill for SDM filing
- SI not filed within the cut-off, shipments shall be shut out / roll over at the cost and consequences of the merchant / customer.
- No SI filed – No Load.

Shipping Bill (S/B):-

- S/B to be uploaded 48 HRS prior to vessel ETA on ODEX portal.
- Correct S/B no. & date to be updated against respective **Primary Cargo Identification Number (PCIN)** & **B/L No.**
- Do Not update the Booking No. here, **PCIN no.** linking is with the B/L no. starting with the prefix **COSU** or **COAU**
- **PCIN no.** is generated at the time of S/B filing, SCMT does not allow same PCIN to be manifested under split B/L in the same voyage,
- **Split B/L** cannot be issued for **single S/B**, whereas Single B/L with multiple S/B is allowed.
- S/B for the **MERGE B/L** should be correctly uploaded on ODEX against the MBL no. created, further delete the S/B uploaded against the respective booking no. in ODEX.
- S/B not uploaded within the cut-off period, shipment will be shut out / roll over at the cost and consequences of the merchant / customer.

Forwarders / Consolidators Filing of CSN & HBL process:-

- CSN to be filed with Customs and furnish the CSN No. with MBL details on ODEX portal 48 HRS prior to vessel ETA.
- House B/L manifest to be uploaded on ODEX, 48 HRS prior to vessel ETA
- In the absence of CSN no. or HBL manifest, carrier shall file the SDM as per the Master B/L details and thereafter any amendment will be the **Forwarders / Consolidators / Shipper** responsibility.
- **Forwarders / Consolidators / Shipper,** shall be responsible to furnish correct CSN and HBL details on ODEX which should be as per the SI and S/B filed with Customs. Any discrepancy found later will be Merchant responsibility for amendment and Customs Fine/Penalties.

A. House BL submission Process Through ODEX:-

1. HBL should be submitted through ODeX 48hrs prior to vessel arrival.
2. While submitting the HBL, please mention COSCO MBL (example BL No start with prefix “COSU or COAU”)
3. IEC/PAN number of actual shippers should be declared while submitting the HBL.
4. 6-to-8-digit HS codes should be provided while submitting the HBL.
5. For multiple Harmonized System (HS) code, a detailed bifurcation is required. This means that the HS code should be broken down by package count, package type, gross weight, net weight, and cubic meters (CBM)
6. Shipping Bill details should be submitted while submitting the HBL.
7. Container wise correct shipping bill number should be updated along with correct PCIN Number.
8. Link of Advisory on SCMTR – Export House Bill of Lading submission on ODeX - September 2025 https://world.lines.coscoshipping.com/india/en/news/customeradvisory/1/1

B. CSN Filing Process by Forwarders / Consolidators on ODEX:-

1. CSN No. and date along with primary cargo identification number (PCIN) should be submitted through ODEX 48 hrs prior to ETD.
2. The document specifies that forwarders who are registered under SCMTR can file the House Bill of Lading (HBL) directly and obtain the CSN number from Customs. These details must then be submitted through ODEX.
3. CSN No. filed by forwarder will be included in Sea Departure Manifest (SDM)
4. CSN should be filed with valid VCN No / IMO code and Container ISO Code.

Indian Ports	Date of Implementation of SCMTR filing
Vizag	14-05-2025
Tuticorin	29-05-2025
Cochin	01-06-2025
Kattupalli	19-06-2025
Kolkata, Haldia, Hazira & Pipavav	04-07-2025
Mundra	30-09-2025
Bombay	18-08-2025
Chennai	04-08-2025

We kindly request your cooperation in strictly adhering to these requirements for seamless SCMTR compliance and cargo handling process.

In case you have any queries, kindly contact our Customer Service - Outbound Documentation (OBDOC) team.

Thank you for your valuable support.

Yours sincerely,

COSCO Shipping Lines (India) Pvt. Ltd.

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