

April 2, 2021

Sea Cargo Manifest and Transshipment Regulations, 2018 -Regulatory Changes - India

Dear Valued Customer,

Please note the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Custom (CBIT) notification No. 38/2018, has made changes to the regulations for filing Sea Cargo Manifest for import, export, and transshipment cargo. These changes went into effective on April 1, 2021 (postponed from August 1, 2018).

The new regulations make it compulsory for shipping lines, forwarders, exporters, and importers to adhere to the defined timelines for the cargo manifestation for imports arriving in India, exports out of India, and the transshipment via Indian Ports.

Imports to India:

Prior to vessel departure from the last port of call before India, we are required to submit import manifest details to Indian Customs. This affects all containers which are going to discharge at any port in India or are discharged for transshipment at any of the ports in India.

To adhere to these timelines, we request customers provide below details in House B/L under cargo description box five days before vessel calling the port before India.

- HSN Code (6 digits - numeric)
- IEC (Importer Exporter Code) of the Consignee (If IEC not available, PAN of Consignee should be mentioned)
- PAN (Permanent Account Number) of Notify/consignee

Additionally, information regarding CFS nomination, direct port delivery intimation, shipment parties information, and all other manifest details should be provided three days before vessel calling the port before India.

Exports from India:

For containers loaded on a vessel in India, we are required to submit export manifest with below details to Indian Customs prior to the vessel leaving the port.

- HSN Code (6 digits - numeric)
- IEC code of Shipper/Consignor (if IEC not available, PAN of shipper/consignor should be mentioned).
- PAN (Permanent Account Number) of Shipper
- PCIN (Primary Cargo Identification Number) – Date (yyyy-mm-dd)

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To adhere to these timelines, we request customers submit the original shipping bill with Let Export Order (LEO) to C.H. Robinson's local office at least 48 hours prior to the estimated time of arrival (ETA) of the vessel.

For shipments originating from Inland Container Depot (ICD), the shipping bill / transshipment receipt (TR) with LEO should be submitted 24 hours prior to loading of containers on train/truck at ICD.

With regards to Sea Arrival Manifest (SAM) and Sea Departure Manifest (SDM), Custom authorities further clarified the following:

- PCIN (Primary Cargo Identification Number) will be generated by Customs whenever an actual shipper and consignee manifest the House Bill of Lading for Imports or the LEO (Let Order Export) Shipping Bill for Export cargoes.
- CSN (Cargo Summary Notification) will be generated by Customs when a forwarder/consolidator files the House Bill of Lading (HBL) details using CSN format.
- MCIN (Master Cargo Identification Number) will be generated by Customs when details of HBL matches with details of Master Bill of Lading (MBL) with respective CSN or SAM/SDM file.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,
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