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Changes to the Regulations in filing of Sea Cargo Manifest for Import, Export and Transshipment, effective 1st Aug 2018.

In supersession of earlier legislations of Import Manifest (Vessels) Regulations of 1971, Export Manifest (Vessels) Regulations of 1976 and Transportation of Goods (Through Foreign Territory) Regulations of 1965, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIT) Notification No. 38 / 2018-Customs (N.T.) has made changes to the Filing Sea Cargo Manifest of Import, Export and Transshipment, which is scheduled to come into force effective 01st August 2018.

While the key highlights of this revised regulation, the mandate is that the Shipping lines MUST have to strictly comply with timelines and requirements for the Cargo Manifestation for Imports arriving in India, Exports out of India, and Transshipments made via Indian port, we solicit your full cooperation and support to enable us comply with the IGM, EGM and TSP regulations.

Imports to India (Arrival Manifest) IGM: Shipping lines are required to submit the Import manifest details to Indian Customs PRIOR to the Sailing of Vessel from Last port of call PRIOR calling India, for all containers which are planned to discharge at any Indian port, or discharged for transshipment to any of the ports.

Exports from India (Departure Manifest) EGM: Shipping Line are required to submit the Export manifest details to Indian Customs PRIOR to the Sailing of Vessel from Indian port of loading, for all containers that are loaded on the said vessel from Indian port. As a consequence to the same, customers are required to submit the Shipping Bill with LEO (Let Export Order) to the Shipping Line 48 hours PRIOR to the ETA of the export Vessel. However, for the ICD originated containers, the LEO Shipping Bill should be submitted 24 hours prior loading of container on Train / Truck at ICD to the FEI office, and subject to the loaded containers arrived into the port 48 hours prior ETA vessel, will only be planned for loading on vessel.

While we understand that there are several additional information that is required to be furnished in the revised IGM and EGM format, discussions are still ongoing w.r.t the data structure format, data validation, enhanced timelines and other requirements with Customs and various stake holders involved in the process for better clarity sake.

We will keep you posted with the developments as we have and indeed solicit your cooperation and support in order abide by comply with the new regulations. Meanwhile, should you have any questions, you may kindly get in touch with your local FEI office.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

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