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TRADE NOTICE NO. 02/2026

Subject: Implementation of the Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018 – Reg.

Attention of all Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Custodians, Importers, Exporters, Customs Brokers and other stakeholders is invited to the **Sea Cargo Manifest and Transhipment Regulations (SCMTR), 2018**, issued vide Notification No. 38/2018-Customs (N.T.) dated 11th May, 2018 and Circular No. 38/2026-Customs dated 1st September, 2026 (enclosed).

2. With the completion of development and testing of electronic messages under SCMTR framework, the same have been made operational for the trade. However, there is still low filing of messages by the stakeholders.

3. In view of the above, the SCMTR, 2018 shall be made operational with effect from 1st Sept, 2026 across ports in a phased manner, as per schedule mentioned in the Annexure A of Circular No. 38/2026 – Customs dated 1st September, 2026. As per the said schedule, **SCMTR implementation at Cochin Port (Port Code: INCOK1) is scheduled with effect from 21st September, 2026.**

4. In view of the above, all Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents and other stakeholders operating through Cochin Customs are advised to ensure compliance with the SCMTR framework and timely filing of the prescribed electronic messages in the Customs Automated System for the smooth functioning and clearance of cargo.

5. Any difficulty faced in implementation of the SCMTR module may be brought to the notice of the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (Import & Bonds), Custom House, Cochin for necessary assistance.

6. This is issued with the approval of the Commissioner of Customs, Cochin.

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Additional Commissioner
Custom House, Cochin

Enclosure: Circular No. 38/2026 – Customs dated 1st September, 2026

Copy to:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Thiruvananthapuram Zone.
2. Development Commissioner, Cochin Special Economic Zone (CSEZ), Kakkanad
3. All the DCs/ACs of Custom House, Cochin.
4. All Docks Officers, Custom House, Cochin.
5. DC/AC, EDI, Custom House, Cochin - for uploading on website.
6. Cochin Custom Broker Association - For circulation among members.
7. Cochin Steamer Agents Association - For circulation among members.