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TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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RESEARCH & P... DIVISION
RR No. 3472
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To All Port Users

CIRCULAR No.1965

Sub: Discontinuation of submission of manual documents/statements in respect of containers imported under Notification No. 104/94-Customs dated 16.03.1994 - Implementation of CBIC Circular No. 32/2026-Customs dated 11.07.2026-Reg.

Ref: CBIC Circular No. 32/2026-Customs dated 11.07.2026.

It is hereby informed that the CBIC has discontinued the existing practice of submission of manual documents/statements relating to movement of duty-free imported containers covered under Notification No. 104/94-Customs dated 16.03.1994. The monitoring of such containers shall henceforth be carried out electronically through the ICEGATE system and other electronic records maintained by the concerned stakeholders.

Accordingly, all stakeholders are advised to note the following:

1. Manual submission of container movement statements/documents to Customs in respect of containers covered under Notification No.104/94-Customs shall no longer be required.
2. Shipping Lines, NVOCCs, Steamer Agents and their authorized representatives shall continue to execute the prescribed Customs bond without surety, as per the prevailing Customs procedure.
3. All Terminal Operators shall maintain electronic records of container gate-in and gate-out movements through their notified Customs area.
4. Terminal/Port Operating Systems shall be integrated with the Customs electronic system in coordination with Customs and DG Systems, to facilitate seamless electronic processing and eliminate manual intervention.
5. All Port Users shall ensure timely and accurate electronic transmission of container movement data to facilitate monitoring and compliance under the Customs Act, 1962.
6. All stakeholders shall strictly comply with the provisions of CBIC Circular No. 32/2026-Customs and extend full cooperation for smooth implementation of the automated process.

This Trade Circular shall come into force with immediate effect.

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TRAFFIC MANAGER /C

C/- P.S to Chairperson for favor of information of Chairperson.

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