

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

To

All Port Users

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CIRCULAR NO: 1988

Sub: Facilitation of return/transshipment of export cargo from international waters due to closure/disruption of the Strait of Hormuz - Reg.

Ref: 1) CBIC Circular No. 36/2026-Customs, F.No. 450/23/2026-Cus-IV, dated 20.08.2026.

2) Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, Memorandum dated 24.08.2026 on the above subject.

All Port Users and concerned stakeholders are hereby informed that, in view of the disruption of maritime routes in the Gulf region, CBIC has prescribed temporary facilitative measures for handling export cargo which is required to be diverted/returned to Indian Ports.

Accordingly, international transshipment of FCL/LCL cargo may be permitted from all Ports/Airports, including through other Customs Stations, subject to the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962 and applicable procedures.

In respect of Liquid Bulk, Break Bulk and Solid/Dry Bulk cargo destined for foreign ports but diverted to an Indian Port due to maritime security concerns, disruption of shipping routes or other logistical exigencies, temporary unloading, storage and onward international transshipment/re-export may be permitted by the jurisdictional Customs authorities on a case-to-case basis under Customs supervision.

Such cargo shall remain under Customs control and shall not be cleared for home consumption or diverted to the Domestic Tariff Area. Repacking of bulk cargo, wherever operationally necessary, may also be permitted within the Customs area under Customs supervision.

For movement involving multiple Customs Stations, the prescribed procedure regarding prior consent of the transit/destination Customs Station, availability of safe storage/infrastructure and movement under Customs control shall be followed.

All concerned Port Users/Custodians shall ensure safe custody, proper storage, handling, accounting and maintenance of records of such cargo and comply with all instructions of Customs authorities.

The above measures shall remain in force up to 31.10.2026.


TRAFFIC MANAGER

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

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C/- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and request to place the circular in Port Website.

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