ICES Advisory 01/2020 (SCMTR) dated 13.01.2020 – Registration and Application Process for all the Stakeholders – reg.

       Reference is invited to ICES Advisory 04/2019 dt 28.02.2019 on registration process under the new Sea Cargo Manifest Regulations (SCMTR). Initially, registration of only Authorized Sea Carriers (ASC) like Shipping Lines/Agents etc. was operationalized. Over the last few months, registrations of all other stakeholders have also been implemented.

2.   While some stakeholders have registered successfully on ICEGATE, many are yet to do it. In this context, it is informed that vide Notification No 78/2019 – Customs (N.T.) dated 31.10.2019, the date of implementation of the new regulations have been fixed as 16th of February, 2020. Consequently, many of the new messages would be available for testing from the 15th of January. In the interim phase till 15th February, the stakeholders would be required to send the messages/manifests in the new format as well in addition to the existing formats. This would be the testing phase to ensure that the complete switchover to the new formats in February is smooth.

3.   It is imperative, therefore, that all the stakeholders register on ICEGATE and apply from within their ICEGATE login to operate under the new SCMTR. Table 1 below gives a matrix of different entity types that are required to register along with the messages/manifests they would be required to file with Customs. Further details on these were given in earlier advisories and is also available on ICEGATE website under the new Sea Cargo Manifest Regulations link (https://www.icegate.gov.in/SeaManifestRegulation.html) . With a few exceptions as detailed in column (iv) in the table below, the registration process remains largely the same for all the stakeholders which has been detailed in the above mentioned advisory 04/2019. The advisory also details on the process of approval of registration by the Customs officer in ICES.

TABLE 1

Entity Type (i)	Description (ii)	Messages/Manifests (iii)	Specific Requirements for Registration (iv)	Tentative Date to Start Testing (v)
ASC – Authorized Sea Carriers	Shipping Lines and Shipping Agents	SAM, SDM, SEI, SDN		25.01.2020
ANC – Other Notified Carriers	Freight forwarders, NVOCC	CSN	National Surety Bond (Bond Code = 'SB') as per Regulation 1A to be registered in System before approval of registration by officer	15.01.2020
ATO – Authorized Terminal Operators	Terminal Operators	Vessel related messaged (VCN, VESPRO etc.), Container Loading/Landing Reports	Auto Approval – No requirement for officer approval.	15.01.2020

ACU – Authorized Custodians	CFS/ICD/Port Custodians	SF/ST, Actual time of Arrival/Departure	Auto Approval – No requirement for officer approval. Requirement first to onboard ICEGATE MFTP (ref. ICES Advisory 14/2019 dt 12.06.2019).	15.01.2020
ATP – Authorized Transhippers	Transhippers executing the TP Bond and responsible for the cargo during transhipment	ASR, CIM-AR, CIM-DP		25.01.2020

4.   If the same entity is executing different roles, they have to apply separately for each of those entity types to be able to file the respective messages. The queries raised by Customs officer while approving the registration can also be answered by the applicants online through their ICEGATE login. In this context, it is clarified that currently there is no option with the applicants to upload additional documents while replying to query. Therefore, if any additional document is required to be seen by the officer, the same may be done manually and not insisted upon to be submitted electronically. Further, it is clarified that there is no prescribed format for the self-declaration of "no pending cases" to be submitted along with the application. A self-attested declaration should be accepted unless it is contradictory to any facts on record. Since this is a new registration process even for the stakeholders, queries should be raised only if necessary. By the end of this month, option to amend the registrations would also be made available to the stakeholders on ICEGATE.

5.   The email id on which test files can be sent by the stakeholders will also be shared soon. Considering that the testing will begin within a week with actual stakeholders and that the new formats as per the regulations will become effective from 16th February, it is requested that necessary Public Notices be issued and meetings with various stakeholders be conducted to ensure that the registration process for everyone is complete by 20th of January, and the test filing of the different messages by the stakeholders begin immediately. A checklist for the same is also given as Annexure A. The checklist filled with the details of the completed registrations may kindly be emailed to team.ices@icegate.gov.in by 20th January. A dashboard has also been made available in ICES to monitor the pendency/processing of the registrations.

Annex A - Sea Cargo Manifest Regulations, 2019

Stakeholders Readiness Checklist

Commissionerate	
Port	
Report Date	
Nodal Person for SCMTR	

(Officer at the level of DC may be nominated as nodal person for co-ordination on implementation)

I. Stakeholder Readiness:

Stakeholder Category	Entities currently operating-No.	Registered in ICEGATE#	Applied under SCMTR#	Successfully Approved	MFTP	Bond Submitted
Shipping Lines*					N/A	
Shipping Agents*					N/A	N/A
Notified Carriers*					N/A	
Terminal Operators*						N/A
Custodians						
Transhippers						

*Applicable only in Sea ports; #Only one registration for PAN India is sufficient. Checklist for compliance in respect of each Stakeholder is given as Annexure-B

II. Registration Readiness (Dashboard Available in ICES for Monitoring):

Stakeholder Category	Applications Submitted	Applications Pending	Applications Approved	Bonds Registered
ASC				
ASA				
ANC				
ACU				
ATO				
ATP				

<div align="center">Annexure B</div>

Sl No	Stakeholder Type	PAN	ICEGATE ID	SCMTR Appliedas per System	SCMTR Approved as per System	MFTP ID*
1	ASC	ABCDE1234F		Y/N	Y/N	
2						
3						