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पत्तन भवन,
शूरजी वल्लभदास मार्ग,
मुंबई - ४०० ००१ .
**Traffic Manager's Office,
Port House,
Shoorji Vallabhdas Marg,
Mumbai - 400 001.**

No. TM/Z-1/ 20

of 2026-27

Date: 13 AUG 2026

TRADE NOTICE

The President, Maritime Association of Nationwide Shipping Agencies – India (MANSA)
The President, Brihanmumbai Customs Brokers Association (BCBA)
The President, Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry
The Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI)
The President, Western India Shippers' Association (WISA)
The Chairman, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)
All India Importer's & Exporter's Association (AIEA)
Indian National Ship Owners Association (INSOA)
All India Liquid Bulk Importers & Exporters Association (AILBIEA)
The President, Association of Multimodal Transport Operators' of India
Indian Merchant Chambers
Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers Association (SIAMA)
ICC Shipping Association (ICCSA)
Indian Barge Owners Association
The President, Shipping Corporation of India
Indian Cruise Lines Association (INCLA)

Sir / Madam,

**Sub : Implementation of Risk-Based Selective Vessel
Boarding of Vessels at Mumbai Port — Reg.**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has observed that varying practices across ports linking administrative clearances with the physical boarding of vessels by Customs officers cause avoidable bottlenecks and operational delays in the commencement and completion of cargo operations. In alignment with the vision of “**One Nation: One Port Process (ONOP)**” and with the objective of promoting ease of doing business, Mumbai Customs Zone-1 has issued a Public Notice No. 13/2026 dated 29.07.2026 regarding implementation of Risk-Based Selective Vessel Boarding of vessels at Mumbai Port.

The said Public Notice is attached for information and necessary compliance.

It is requested to give wide publicity amongst your esteemed members.

Yours faithfully,

(Vipin R. Menoth)
Traffic Manager

Encl : Public Notice No. 13/2026 dated 29.07.2026 of the Office of the Principal Commissioner of Customs (General), Mumbai Customs Zone-I.



प्रधान सीमाशुल्क आयुक्त (सामान्य) का कार्यालय
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS (GENERAL)
नवीन सीमा शुल्क भवन, बैलार्ड इस्टेट मुंबई - 400001
NEW CUSTOM HOUSE, BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI- 400 001

F.No. Gen/PSO/17/2026-PSO-ADMN-Prev.

Date: 29.07.2026

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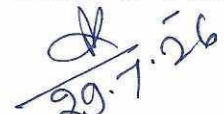
Attention of the members of Trade and Industry, Shipping Lines/Agents, Steamer Agents, Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA), and all other stakeholders is invited to the provisions of Section 37 (Power to board conveyances) of the Customs Act, 1962, and the Imported Stores (Retention on Board) Regulations, 1963. Attention is also invited to CBIC Circular No. 26/2026-Customs dated 15.05.2026 issued regarding the standardization of procedures relating to the grant of Entry Inward and Vessel Sail-out Clearance.

2. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has observed that varying practices across ports linking administrative clearances with the physical boarding of vessels by Customs officers cause avoidable bottlenecks and operational delays in the commencement and completion of cargo operations.

3. Accordingly, it has been decided that physical boarding of vessels by Customs officers at Mumbai Port shall henceforth be carried out on the basis of advance risk profiling. This targeted assessment, which utilizes a suitable risk-based parameter mechanism, will curtail physical boarding by about 50% of arriving vessels. The assessment shall be based on the past compliance records, operational behaviors, the nature of the voyage, the last port of call, the vessel's current itinerary, and the nature of the cargo being transported. Additionally, declarations made by shipping lines or the Master of the Vessel, such as crew effects, ship stores, and vessel satellite devices, will also be taken into consideration to identify potential discrepancies, unusual quantities, unauthorized equipment, or any other parameters relevant to national security and cargo safety.

4. MbPA shall ensure that a tentative list of berthing vessels at all the divisions offices (ADS-I&II, BDS-I& II and CDS-I&II) is communicated to the concerned Division vide email. Decision to board or to exempt a vessel from physical boarding shall be taken by the Superintendent in charge of the concerned Division, on the basis of the preliminary risk-based assessment and any intelligence alerts.

5. It is clarified that non-selection of a vessel for physical boarding shall not dilute the statutory obligations of the Master and the Shipping Line/Shipping Agent. The power of physical boarding under Section 37 of the Customs Act, 1962 is exercisable by the proper officer at any time. Accordingly, any vessel, whether or not initially selected, remains liable to be boarded at any time on the basis of intelligence alerts, or any noticed or suspected violation. The Master/Agent shall ensure that no restricted, high-duty-bearing or un-manifested goods are unladen or consumed within Indian customs waters; this is a continuing operational responsibility of the Master/Agent, independent of any physical boarding.
6. Since administrative clearances like Entry Inward are granted based purely on advance electronic data, the Master and Agent bear full liability for the absolute accuracy, completeness and truthfulness of all submitted declarations, including detailed inventories of ship stores, crew effects, and vessel satellite communication devices.
7. The agent shall ensure that any logistical update, itinerary changes or documentation amendments are communicated immediately to the Superintendent in charge of the concerned Division.
8. It is reiterated that cargo discharge shall proceed unhindered immediately upon the grant of Entry Inward, and sailing operations shall be as per the Advance Port Clearance order.
9. A dedicated column for "Vessel Boarded/Non-Boarded along with specific risk-based justification for selection/non-selection" shall be maintained in the existing weekly report submitted by the Division Office to the office of the Deputy / Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Preventive General), NCH, Mumbai.
10. This Public Notice shall be treated as a Standing order for the departmental officers.
11. Any difficulty faced in the implementation of this procedure may be brought to the notice of the Deputy/Assistant Commissioner of Customs (Preventive General), New Custom House, Mumbai, Zone-I.


(Ajay Kumar Pandey)

Pr. Commissioner of Customs (General),
New Custom House,
Mumbai Customs Zone I

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