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Dated: 02-11-2026

#ApprovedDate#

STANDING ORDER No. 12 /2026

Subject: Exclusion of empty import containers and International Transshipment containers from scanning in terms of CBIC letter dated 31st August, 2026 -regarding.

Kind attention is invited to CBIC letter F. No. CBIC-52/66/2024 dated 31st August,2026 issued by the Customs Policy Wing, CBIC, New Delhi, on the subject *"Phased Enhancement of Container Scanning at All Sea-Ports"*.

2. In terms of Para 3 of the aforesaid CBIC letter, as a measure of trade facilitation and in view of the Budget 2026 announcement, the Board has decided to exclude the following categories of containers from scanning:

(i) Empty containers manifested by the shipping lines at the time of import; and

(ii) International Transshipment Containers carrying cargo which are not meant to be cleared in India.

3. Further, Para 4 of the aforesaid letter provides that scanning of such excluded containers may nevertheless be undertaken for examination on the basis of specific intelligence received from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) or the field formations, if any. Para 5 also specifically directs that field formations shall not take up scanning of such containers which have already been selected by

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the National Customs Targeting Centre (NCTC) and are in the process of being scanned.

4. In view of the above instructions and to ensure uniform implementation of the Board's directions at JNCH, Nhava Sheva, all concerned officers and stakeholders involved in container scanning operations are hereby directed to ensure that the aforesaid categories of containers are excluded from routine scanning in accordance with the Board's instructions. Such containers shall not be subjected to scanning until there is some specific intelligence about them as clarified by the aforementioned CBIC letter.

5. The following operational instructions shall be strictly adhered to:

(i) **Identification and exclusion:** The concerned terminal operators shall ensure proper identification of empty import containers and International Transshipment containers falling within the categories specified in Para 2 above on the basis of the relevant manifest and available operational records.

(ii) **Containers already selected by NCTC:** The specific directions contained in Para 5 of the Board's letter shall be followed in respect of the aforesaid categories of containers that have already been selected by NCTC and are in the process of being scanned. Such containers shall not be taken up for scanning by the field formation in disregard of the said directions.

(iii) **Exception for specific intelligence:** The above exclusion shall not preclude scanning or examination of any such container where specific intelligence has been received from DRI or the field formation in accordance with Para 4 of the Board's letter. Any such action shall be taken by the competent authority in accordance with the applicable instructions and prescribed procedures.

(iv) **Coordination with stakeholders:** Terminal operators, CFSs and other concerned stakeholders shall suitably sensitize their staff and operational personnel regarding these instructions and ensure their implementation at the relevant stages of container movement and scanning operations.

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(vi) **Avoidance of unnecessary delays:** All concerned shall ensure that the above categories of containers are not unnecessarily held up or subjected to repetitive scanning contrary to the Board's instructions so as to facilitate the smooth movement of containers, minimize avoidable congestion and ensure efficient port logistics.

6. Any case involving ambiguity in the classification of a container, its selection status or the applicability of the above instructions shall be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, Container Scanning Division (CSD), JNCH, for appropriate further necessary action. No deviation from the Board's instructions shall be made without the approval or directions of the competent authority wherever required.

7. All concerned terminal operators, CFSs and other stakeholders are directed to ensure strict compliance with this Standing Order and extend the necessary cooperation to Customs officers for its effective implementation.

8. Difficulties, if any, in the implementation of this Standing Order may be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner of Customs, Container Scanning Division, JNCH.

9. This Standing Order comes into force with immediate effect.

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02/XI/2026

(**Ravneet Singh Khurana**)

Commissioner of Customs, NS-III,

JNCH, Nhava Sheva.

Copy to:

1. The Chief Commissioner of Customs, Mumbai Zone-II .
2. All concerned Pr. Commissioners / Commissioners/Additional Commissioners/Joint Commissioners of Customs, JNCH .

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3. The Deputy Director, National Customs Targeting Centre (NCTC).

4. All concerned terminal operators at JNPA/JNCH.

5. All concerned Container Freight Stations (CFSs) under JNCH.

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