

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD**

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New Delhi, dated 08.03.2024

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Sub: Clarification regarding Cargo Aggregator Transportation Product.

Ref: (i) Rates Circular No.3 of 2024
(ii) Email from CRIS dated 20.02.2024 on the above subject.

The issues raised in the mail under reference (ii) above have been examined in consultation with Accounts and Finance Directorates of Railway Board and comments on the issues are as under:

SN	Issue raised by FOIS	Comments of Railway Board
1	Supersession of existing Freight Forwarder Scheme (FFS) may lead to outstanding FFS indents which are expected to be loaded on or after 01.03.2024 shall be held. Whether those indents are forced to be cancelled and WRF (if collected) are to be refunded?	Those indents, if not cleared before 15.03.2024, will be forced to be cancelled and WRF (if collected) are to be refunded.
2	Para 5.1(c) and 5.1(d) are understood as that commodities Cement & Clinker are restricted for loading under conditions of Para 5.1(c) whereas the commodities Cement & Clinker are permitted for loading under conditions of Para 5.1(d). Is this interpretation correct?	Yes, it is correct.
3	Clarification and approval required on calculation of Chargeable Freight as tabulated below. This approval is essentially required for compliance to Para 6.1 that "the chargeable freight should not	The definition of NTR has been provided in many policy guidelines. "Normal Tariff Rate" (NTR) refers to the freight charges for transport of a commodity and should be inclusive of the Base Freight Rate as published in Goods Tariff plus Demand

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	be less than the Normal Tariff Rate (NTR) of Class LR1."	management Charges like applicable Busy Season Charge, Congestion Charge and supplementary Charge as applicable on various transportation products. Other charges viz. Development Charge, Terminal charge, Punitive charges for over loading, and penal charges for mis-declaration, if applicable, will be levied on NTR.
4	As per Para 7, Cargo Aggregator has to register itself in e-RD Module by depositing a not refundable security deposit of One lakhs rupees through online payment mode. However, for any collection, GST invoice is to be generated in FOIS. What shall be the rate of GST, Service Code and Service Description for this type of collection? For example: @5%GST (@2.5%CGST + 2.5%SGST) for Service Code: 996512 (Description: Transportation of Goods by Rail).	GST is applicable on "non-refundable security deposit" of INR 1 lakh. This service falls under SAC 996739 with service description " Other supporting services for railway transport " and is subject to a GST rate of 18% . This service code includes railway passenger terminal services (sale of tickets, reservations, luggage office, left-luggage office); other supporting services of railway transport not elsewhere classified.
5	Whether we can use the service code 999799 (OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES) for collection of Cargo Aggregator Registration Fee? The same we use for registration of customers for GCTO.	
6	Whether this collection of Rs. 1,00,000/- shall be considered in Balance Sheet of any Station?	Yes. The collections may be shown against the balance sheet of the preferred location of the division as mentioned by the customer.
7	If this collection is to be shown on the Balance Sheet of any Station, then it shall be considered against which station of the division? Whether, any preferred location of the division shall be taken as input from the Customer for the same?	
8	A new charge code CARF (Cargo Aggregator Registration Fee) shall be introduced in FOIS as a Local Charge, against which registration	Appears ok.

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	fee shall be accrued and collected. Fee collected shall be accounted as the earning of the respective Zonal Railway under local charge head. During the registration process, station and division code shall also be captured. Station shall essentially be captured for the accountal of the registration fee in station balance sheet and automatic remittance to Railway's Account. Clarify the process in case of any deviation.	
9	Tax Invoices generated as above shall further be transferred to GSP (GST Service Provider) through CRIS/GSTM group so that the process shall be completed, and customer shall receive ITC for the transaction.	A GST invoice is required to be generated for collection of "non-refundable security deposit".
10	What about the existing Freight Customers who are currently registering the Indents under Freight Forwarder Scheme? Whether these Customers (already registered Customer in eRD) shall be given any option to register as Cargo Aggregator by paying the required registration amount (with the existing registration) or these customers has to freshly register in eRD by paying the registration fee?	Customers (already registered Customer in eRD) shall be given an option to register as Cargo Aggregator by paying the required registration amount (with the existing registration).

It is reiterated that all terms and conditions of Cargo Aggregator Transportation Product issued vide Rates Circular No.3 of 2024 shall be followed in letter and spirit. FOIS shall furnish a half-yearly report on this transportation product clearly indicating the details of cargo aggregators, commodities transported volume of traffic and revenue generated etc.

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