The General Manager, All Indian Railways/PUs, NF (C), CORE  
The DG/RDSO/Lucknow & NAIR/Vadodara  
CAOs, DMW/Patiala, WPO/Patna, RWP/Bela, COFMOW/NMLS, RCF/RBL/NMLS  
All MD/CAO of Railway PSUs, autonomous units.

Sub: Import of material.

Ref:  
1. Railway Board’s letter No. 2011/RS(G)779/8 dated 5.9.2011 (Copy  
enconded) addressed to CAO/COFMOW  
2. Ministry of Shipping letter No. SC-18013/1/2013-ASO-I dated  
8.9.2015 (copy enclosed)  

vide letter under reference 2 above, Ministry of Shipping has permitted import on the  
FOB (Free on Board)/FAS (Free alongside Ship)/C&F (Cost & Freight)/CIF (Cost Insurance  
Freight) basis and also permitted to make one’s own shipping arrangement.

In view of the above, all wings of Indian Railways (including PSUs & autonomous  
units) may enter into import contract on any one of the above bases and arrange for  
shipping from any entity besides SCI (Shipping Corporation of India).

1.1 However, the inter-se position will be based on the total landed cost as per Board  
circular No. 2003/RS(G)/777/1 dated 08/08/08 wherein for CIF/CIP offers by the firm, the  
CIF/CIP rates as quoted by the firm will be considered.

2. While deciding the mode of delivery in the contract, your attention is brought to the  
revised INCOTERMS – 2010. It is to be noted that, based on INCOTERMS 2010, the  
containerized/multimodal equivalent of CIF is CIP (Carriage and Insurance Paid). Further in  
both CIF & CIP, the risk passes when the goods are handed over to the first carrier (even  
though the contract is CIF/CIP). Since, in CIF/CIP contract the risk of material passes to  
the buyer after goods are loaded on the vessel, responsibility for settling insurance claim, if  
any, lies with the buyer though insurance is arranged by the supplier.

2.1 It may thus be advisable to go for CFR (Cost and Freight) contract. CFR is the  
INCOTERMS – 2010 equivalent of what was earlier known as C&F (Cost and Freight)  
contract. Here, the marine insurance is arranged and tackled by the Railway but the  
shipping arrangement till the port at destination is done by the foreign company. Further,  
depending on the mode of delivery (FOB/C&F/CIP/CIF etc.) in the contract which the  
purchasing units decide to adopt, they would need to frame suitable conditions in the  
contract to safeguard the interests of Railways in line with INCOTERMS – 2010.

3. Your attention is also brought to INCOTERMS – 2010 called ‘DDP’ (delivered duty  
paid) wherein all risks including customs duty formalities is dealt by supplier.

3.1 In cases where the Railway desires to hand over the entire responsibility to the  
foreign vendor and receive the material on Indian shore with Custom Duty duly paid by the  
foreign supplier, one option is to go for DDP contracts. In DDP, the handing over of  
material by the foreign firm to Railway and the risk of material are co-terminus but in other  
modes of contract (CIF, CIP etc.), the handing over of material by foreign firm are not co-
terminus with the risk. In CFR/CIF/CIP etc, the risk passes on to Railways even though the material is still not handed over to Railway.

This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

(Santosh Mittal)
Dy. Director Railways Stores(G)-l
Railway Board

No. 2011/RS/G/779/8
New Delhi, dated: 2.2.2016

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2. PCEs, All Indian Railways & PUs, WPO/Patna, RCF/RBL, COFMOW, DMW
3. The ADAI(Railways), New Delhi (with 10 spares copies)
4. The Director of Audit, All Indian Railways

for Financial Commissioner / Railways

No. 2011/RS/G/779/8
New Delhi, dated: 2.2.2016

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(RAILWAY BOARD)

No. 2011/RS(G)/779/8 New Delhi, dated 05-09-2011

CAO,
COFMOW,
Tilak Bridge,
New Delhi.

Subject: Procurement of M&P items from foreign firms.


Vide letter under reference, Ministry of Shipping has permitted COFMOW to go for import of M&P items upto approx Rs.200 crores and with approx weight 6000 tonnes for a period of 2 years i.e from 1st July, 2011 to 30th June, 2013 on CIF/Turnkey basis.

In view of the above, COFMOW may enter into import contracts for M&P items on CIF/Turnkey basis.

While deciding the mode of shipment/delivery in the contract, your attention is brought to the revised INCOTERMS -2010 which are available on the internet. It is to be noted that, based on INCOTERMS 2010, CIF is valid only when transportation is entirely conducted by water. However, the risk of material is transferred to the buyer once the goods are loaded on the vessel. The containerized/multimodal equivalent of CIF is CIP (Carriage and Insurance Paid) where again the risk passes when the goods are handed over to the first carrier.

Since the risk of material remains with the buyer after goods are loaded on the vessel, responsibility for insurance claim, if any, lies with the buyer only even though insurance is arranged by the supplier, on behalf of buyer.

COFMOW would need to frame all suitable conditions required in the contract to safeguard the interests of Railways.

This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Railway Board.

(Santosh Mittal)
Dy. Director Railway Stores (G).
Railway Board.
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Decentralisation of shipping arrangements in respect of ocean transportation of cargoes under the control of Government/Public Sector Undertaking.

The undersigned is directed to say that as per the existing policy of the Government of India, all import contracts are to be finalized on FOB (Free on Board)/FAS (Free Alongside Ship) basis in respect of Government owned/controlled cargoes on behalf of Central Government Departments/State Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings under them and in case of any departure therefrom, prior permission is required to be obtained from the Chartering Wing of the Ministry of Shipping on a case-to-case basis.

2. Based on the growing demand of various Government Departments/PSUs to allow them to organize their own shipping arrangements so as to take quick decisions in efficiently managing their cargo supply and logistics chain operations, it has now been decided by the Government that:

(a) All importing Government Departments/PSUs will make their own shipping arrangements without needing to route their requirements through Chartering Wing of Ministry of Shipping subject to the following:

(i) the import of bulk cargoes, both dry and liquid, will continue to be made on FOB/FAS basis by importing Government Departments/PSUs and shall remain subject to extant Government policy notified vide this Ministry’s OM No. SC-11011/1/1994-ASO-II/Vol.III dated 27th February, 1996 (Annexure-I) and OM No. SC-11021/3/1999-ASO-I/Vol. III dated 15th November, 2001 (Annexure-II) and that in case of any departure therefrom, prior permission and No Objection Certificate will have to be obtained from the Ministry of Shipping on a case-to-case basis with the approval of the concerned administrative Ministry/Department.

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(ii) the import of general liner cargoes (project cargoes, heavy lift, container, break bulk cargoes etc.) can now be made by Government Departments/PSUs on FOB (Free on Board)/FAS (Free Alongside Ship) or C&F (Cost & Freight)/CIF (Cost, Insurance & Freight) basis which shall otherwise remain subject to extant Government policy notified vide this Ministry's OM No. SC-11011/1/1994-ASO-II/Vol. III dated 27th February, 1996 (Annexure-I) and OM No. SC-11021/3/1999-ASO-I Vol. III dated 15th November, 2001 (Annexure-II). In case of C&F/CIF import, there is no need of obtaining NOC from the Ministry of Shipping.

3. Until the various Government Departments/PSUs organize their own chartering arrangements, the services of the Chartering Wing of the Ministry of Shipping will remain available during the transition period only until 31.12.2015.

4. It is requested that the above decision taken by the Government of India may kindly be brought to the notice of all the Public Sector Undertakings/projects/autonomous bodies/purchasing and selling organizations under the administrative control of Ministries and Departments concerned. Government Departments/PSUs may utilize the services of the Chartering Wing of the Ministry of Shipping till 31st December, 2015, if required.

5. A copy of the instructions issued may please be endorsed to this Ministry.

6. Hindi version is also enclosed.

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No. SC-14011/1/94-ASO.II/Vol.III New Delhi, the 27th February, 1996

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Ocean transportation of cargo under the control of Government/Public Sector Undertakings - review of the policy regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that as per the existing policy of Government of India all import contracts are to be finalised on FOB (Free on Board/FAS (Free Alongside Ship) basis and those for exports on CIF (Cost and Freight)/CIF (Cost, Insurance, Freight) basis in respect of Government owned/controlled cargoes on behalf of Central Government Departments/State Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings under them, and in case of any departure therefrom, prior permission is required to be obtained from the Chartering Wing of the Ministry of Surface Transport on a case to case basis. The shipping arrangements are centralised in the Ministry of Surface Transport. These instructions about FOB/FAS purchases and C&F/CIF sales and entering into contracts where the element of foreign exchange expenditure is minimum already stand incorporated in the General Financial Rules of the Government.

2. Based on the difficulties/problems, as intimated by certain Government Departments/Public Sector Undertakings in the changed context of economic liberalisation, the thrust on performance improvement and competitiveness of Public Sector Undertakings, decanalisation of certain cargoes, Government has undertaken a through review of the above policy at various levels and it has now been decided by the Government that:-

(i) Government policy for import contracts to be finalised on FOB/FAS basis and for exports on CIF basis in respect of Government owned/controlled cargoes on behalf of Central Government Departments/State Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings under them and centralised shipping arrangements through the Ministry of Surface Transport (Chartering Wing) in
association with the concerned user
Ministry/Department/PSU may continue.

(iii) Prior permission is required to be obtained from
Ministry of Surface Transport on a case-to-case basis in
the event of any departure from the above policy. However,
Ministry of Surface Transport shall ensure disposal of
such requests within four working days on receipt of
the complete information/request from the concerned
Ministry/PSU.

(iii) Ministry of Surface Transport, Chartering Wing to
ensure full utilisation of suitable Indian vessels in
case they are able to meet the indentor's requirements
at competitive rates and are able to maintain the time
schedule.

(iv) In case of import of bulk quantities like fertilisers,
coal, foodgrains etc. where freight element is
substantial, a representative from Ministry of Surface
Transport may be invited to participate in the
discussions for advising on the shipping aspects of
import/export contracts.

(v) Ministry of Surface Transport should make all out
efforts to finalise vessels, Indian or foreign, at the
most competitive rates and before fixing the vessels,
prior approval of the indenting department/PSU should
be obtained.

(vi) In order to make imports and exports cost-effective
and for judicious use of foreign exchange, Ministries/
Departments should ensure imports on FOB/FAS and
exports on CIF basis failing which necessary No
Objection Certificate (NOC) should be obtained from
Ministry of Surface Transport (Chartering Wing) while
applying for release of necessary foreign exchange for
the purpose of chartering foreign vessels and for
making freight payment in foreign currency.

(vii) The tendering system to be followed by Ministries/
Departments/PSUs will be standardised. The Cabinet
secretariat will initiate appropriate action in this
regard.

3. It is requested that above decision taken by the
Government of India may kindly be brought to the notice of all the
Public Sector Undertakings/Projects/Autonomous Bodies/Purchasing &
Selling Organisations under the administrative control of
Ministries and Departments concerned and they may be advised to
follow the prescribed procedure for arranging shipment of their
cargoes through Chartering Wing (popularly known by its Cable
Address "TRANSCHART" in the shipping circle, the world over) of
this Ministry and incorporating the prescribed Shipping Clauses
in the purchase orders/contracts. They may also be instructed to
send two copies each of the contracts in respect of both exports, as well as imports, along with cargo particulars like weight, volume, loading port, discharging port, loading rate, discharging rate, period of shipment, parcel size and any other specific condition relating to shipment of cargoes etc. to this Ministry as soon as the same are finalised, for taking further necessary action with regard to the shipping arrangements.

4. A copy of the instructions issued may please also be endorsed of this Ministry.

(T.V. SHANBHAG)  
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
CHARTERING WING

No.SC-11021/3/99-ASO-I VOL.III
Dated. the 15th November, 2001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Ocean Transportation of cargo under the control of Government/
Public Sector Undertakings review of --The policy regarding.

The undersigned is directed to say that as per the existing policy of
Government of India all import contracts are to be finalised on FOB(free on
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by the Government that:

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(i) The present policy for placing import contract on FOB/FAS basis and Centralised shipping arrangements through Ministry of Shipping(Charting Wing) notified vide this Ministry's O.M. No.SC-11011/1/94-ASO.II/Vol.III dated 27th February, 1996 in respect of government owned/controlled cargoes on behalf of Central Government Departments/State Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings under them will continue.

(ii) The policy of centralized shipping arrangements through Chartering wing has been relaxed in case of exports. Government Departments/PSUs are free to finalize export contracts on FOB/FAS basis without seeking prior clearance from Ministry of Shipping(Charting Wing).

3. It is requested that above decision taken by the Government of India may kindly be brought to the notice of all the Public Sector Undertakings/Projects/ Autonomous Bodies/ Purchasing & Selling Organisations under the administrative control of Ministries and Departments concerned and they may be advised to follow the prescribed procedure described above. They may also be instructed to send two copies of import contracts along with cargo particulars like weight, volume, loading port, discharging port, loading rate, discharging rate, period of shipments, parcel size and any other specific condition relating to shipment of cargoes etc. to this Ministry as soon as the same are finalised for taking further necessary action with regard to the shipping arrangements in respect of import cargoes.

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