

No.A1/SOP/Geopolitical Disturbance/MiddleEast/2026/T

Dated: 08.04.2026

Trade Notice No.07/2026

**Sub: Waiver of Ground Rent Charges for Middle East-bound Export Containers
Stranded Inside Port Area Due to Geo-Political Disturbances**

In continuation of the earlier Trade Notice No.03/2026 issued in compliance with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) dated 6th March 2026 issued by Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for Major Ports to mitigate the impact of geo-political disturbances in the Middle East, it has been decided to extend the support to the EXIM community as below to tide over the crisis.

- 1. Ground Rent / Dwell Time Charges:** IGTPL, the Terminal Operator shall consider the requests from Port Users regarding reduction, waiver or remission of charges (such as Storage charges, Change of vessel charges, etc.) upto 30.04.2026 on a case-to-case basis for those direct Middle East bound export laden containers, which were lying inside from 28th February 2026 or those which had gated in till 07:00 hrs on 08.03.2026. If the vessel came as per schedule or within 3 days of declared schedule, then the cargo is not eligible for waiver consideration per this circular. Such waiver is also not applicable for containers where the shipping line being aware of the geo political situation has agreed to specific commercial terms (rates, free time etc) and conditions with the terminal for handling such Middle East bound cargo at the terminal.
- 2. Reefer Plug-in Charges:** IGTPL, the Terminal Operator shall consider 80% concession/waiver upto 30.04.2026 on reefer plug-in charges for Middle East bound stranded reefer containers loaded with perishable goods, which were lying inside the terminal as on 28.02.2026 or those which had gated in till 0700 hours on 08.03.2026.

This notice is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully



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To

The Kerala Steamer Agents' Association, Cochin
The Cochin Custom Brokers' Association, Cochin
The CEO, IGTPL

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