

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

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Sub : Extension of Concession on Vessel Related Charges for Container Vessel calling at ICTT in view of geo-political disturbances.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Major Ports to mitigate the hardships faced by port users due to the ongoing geo-political disturbances in the Middle East. In line with the said SOP, Cochin Port Authority is committed to extending all possible support to the EXIM community to tide over the prevailing crisis.

One of the key representations received from the trade for handling stranded containers was to extend the existing concession for feeder vessels on foreign run to vessels with lower gross tonnage connecting Colombo.

Accordingly, in partial modification of the existing concession scheme, which is applicable to vessels above 15,000 GRT, the eligibility threshold has now been reduced to 10,000 GRT and introduced as a new scheme so as to promote the deployment of lower GRT vessels in the Colombo sector, as below.

B(a). Feeder Vessels on Foreign Run connecting Colombo

No. of TEUs per call		Concession (%)				
		1 to 250	251-500	501 - 1000	1001 to 1500	1501 & above
Gross Tonnage	Upto 10000	Nil	7.5	10	15	20
	Above 10000	Nil	25	30	35	40

The existing concession scheme for Feeder Vessels on Foreign Run will continue as such.

This scheme shall be **valid from 01.04.2026 to 31.05.2026**, or until withdrawal/modification of the SOP by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, whichever is earlier. The scheme will run concurrently with the existing concession scheme.

The members of the trade may be advised accordingly.



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