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Trade Notice No. 11/2026**Sub: Special VRC Concession Scheme for Induction / Re-induction
of Container Services to the Middle East**

As part of the measures initiated by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways to mitigate the hardships faced by port users due to the ongoing geo-political disturbances in the Middle East, Cochin Port Authority is committed to extending all possible support to the EXIM community to overcome the prevailing challenges.

The ongoing conflict has disrupted direct container services between Cochin and the Middle East, leading to higher logistics costs and increased dependence on transshipment. In response to representations received from the trade, the following **Special VRC Concession Scheme** is introduced to facilitate the **induction/re-induction of container services** connecting Cochin and the Middle East.

Feeder Vessels on Foreign Run	
Scheme	Concession (%)
Special VRC Concession Scheme for Container Services with minimum 2 Port of Calls in Middle East and with minimum 2 Vessel Calls in every 30 Days	50%
Note: Eligible for container services introduced to/from Middle East ports from the date of notification of the scheme irrespective of GT and TEUs per ship call. Loyalty Reward shall be extra, as applicable.	

This scheme will be valid for a period of 6 months ie. from 16.07.2026 upto 15.01.2027 with a provision to be reviewed after completion of three months based on operational performance, cargo generation, service continuity and financial impact.

Members of the Trade Fraternity are requested to share the information with their business associates and encourage them to avail of this benefit.


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