



**SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE PORT, KOLKATA  
HALDIA DOCK COMPLEX**

Office of General Manager (Traffic)  
Jawahar Tower

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**TRADE CIRCULAR**

**Sub.: Movement of containers by barges between Haldia Dock Complex and Kolkata Dock System**

Association of Shipping Interests in Calcutta (ASIC) had informed SMPK that shippers are unable to get adequate slots on feeder vessels at Kolkata due to draft and other restrictions and often laden containers were required to be transported by road to Haldia to connect to the allotted feeder vessels. Since the cost of such road transportation is exorbitantly high, ASIC had requested SMPK to consider barge movement of EXIM containers between HDC and KDS.

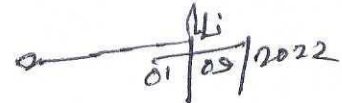
The appropriate authority of SMPK has approved the movement of containers by barges between HDC and KDS, on trial basis, as a special case to facilitate the requirements of the Trade. Further, the feeder vessel would be allowed to discharge containers at HDC till attaining the permissible draft at KDS and these containers would only be permitted for movement through barges to KDS for subsequent delivery from there. Similarly, for export, containers would be loaded onto feeder vessels at KDS up to permissible sailing draft and the balance containers would be permitted for movement to barges to HDC for topping up on the said feeder vessels.

The composite box rate for loading / unloading to / from barges at KDS and HDC would be in terms of Section S.11.2 of the Scale of Rates. Incidentally, the charges for composite box rate for loading / unloading to / from vessels at KDS and HDC would be in terms of Section S.11.1 of the Scale of Rates. Any miscellaneous services, if availed, would however be chargeable as per the Scale of Rates.

Customs related and other documentation formalities, for such movement, would be undertaken by the respective Main Line Operators / Lines.

The above facility would be valid for a period of four months w.e.f. commencement of operation of the 1<sup>st</sup> barge.

All concerned are requested to be guided accordingly.



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cc.: The President, The Association of Shipping Interest in Calcutta (ASIC), 6, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata-700 001 (Fax: 033-4012 8989): For information with a request to circulate the same among the members please.

cc: The President, Calcutta Customs House Agents' Association (CCHAA), 23. R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata- 700 001 (Fax: 033-22159387): For information with a request to circulate the same among the members please.

cc.: All Importers / Exporters / Feeder Operators / Main Line Operators / C&F Agents: For information and necessary action please.