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## Trade Circular

## Sub: Extension of validity of various container traffic promotional measures at HDC.

This has reference to this office's earlier Trade Circular vide No. TO(Sh&CH)/10/1806 dated 13.06.2019 wherein it was communicated that the validity of the various container traffic promotional measures at HDC were extended up to 31.03.2020.

The Competent Authority of KoPT has approved the extension of validity of the following promotional measures for a further period of 1 year w.e.f. 01.04.2020 :

- (a) Free time for coastal import containers upto 20 days.
- (b) Free time for loaded export / stock containers (except Hazardous-I containers) upto 20 days.
- (c) Coastal import containers may not to be compulsorily removed to off-dock CFS after landing from the vessel.
- (d) Waiver of Shifting charges of Container Vessels from HDC to KDS and vice-versa.
- (e) 7 days' free times to be allowed to the empty containers after entry/receiving in the Container Terminal/Port Premises in the event the same are taken out of for the purpose of stuffing with coastal cargo and subsequent export through HDC. However, after expiry of the free time of 7 days' ground rent will be applicable as per the rates prescribed in the existing SoR. The proposed free time for empty containers will not be extended if the same after stuffing are
- not exported through HDC.

  (f) Free time for storage of import load containers upto 7 days. However, if the load containers are not delivered within 7 days, demurrage will be levied from the 4<sup>th</sup> day onwards as per the Scale of Rates of KoPT.
- (g) Free time of 10 days to be allowed for storage of empty containers inside the Terminal that would either enter the Dock through the Gate for the purpose of delivery/removal by Rail from the Port without being shipped or enter the Dock through Rail for the purpose of subsequent delivery by road from the Port without being shipped.
- (h) 50% discount to be allowed on the Gate Receiving/Delivery Charges under Section S.14.1, SI No.10 of the SoR of KoPT for the containers which would either enter the dock for the purpose of delivery/removal by Rail from the Port or enter the Dock through rail for the purpose of subsequent delivery by road from the Port without being shipped.
- Free time for storage of empty containers upto 20 days. However, demurrage will be applicable as per SoR of KoPT from 21<sup>st</sup> days.
- (j) Free time for storage of road bound Nepal Import load containers upto 20 days. However, demurrage will be applicable as per SoR of KoPT from 21<sup>st</sup> days.
- (k) 50% of the rates applicable towards Haulage and Terminal charges for Import and Export containers as notified by the Indian Railway from time to time shall be levied.

Further, the threshold limit for granting priority to the container vessels is removed for a further period of one year w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 or introduction of modified calling / sailing priority norms, whichever is earlier.

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Cc. : All MLOs, for information please.

Cc. : All Container Vessel's Agents operating at HDC, for information please.

Cc. : All Container Handling Agents operating at HDC, for information please.

Cc.: Haldia International Container Terminal, for information please.