



No.TD/TM/GEN-42(X)/ 622

Dated, the April 09th, 2026

TRADE CIRCULAR

Subject: Facilitation measures and waiver/concessions extended by PPA – reg.

In compliance with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways directives dated 06.03.2026 regarding the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Major Ports to mitigate the impact of geo-political disturbances in the Middle East, and in exercise of powers conferred under sections 27, 50, 53 & 75 of the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021, Clause 7.7 of the Tariff Policy for Major Port Authorities Act, 2021 and relevant provisions of the respective Concession Agreements executed with the Concessionaires, PPA hereby issues waiver for the following charges as detailed below to mitigate hardships faced by port users-

1. Waiver/Concessions:

- A) Ground rent/Dwell time charges: Terminal operators shall provide a 100% waiver on ground rent/dwell time charges from 0000 Hours on 28.02.2026 to 2400 Hours on 30.04.2026 for the containers stranded inside the Terminal bound for West Asia.
- B) Reefer plug-in charges: Terminal Operators shall provide a 80% waiver on reefer plug-in from 0000 Hours on 28.02.2026 to 2400 Hours on 30.04.2026 for the containers stranded inside the Terminal bound for West Asia. This applies specifically to stranded reefer containers loaded with perishable goods.
- C) VRC concession: 75% concession in VRC for all container vessels including container vessels bound for West Asia.
- D) Container scanning charges: All containers including containers bound for West Asia are exempted from container scanning charges.
- E) The Shipping Lines, NVOCC, Freight Forwarders are directed to ensure that these benefits are passed on to the actual exporters.



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2. Operational Measures:

- A) All vessels carrying LPG are already accorded priority berthing. A trade circular vide no.TD/TM/GEN-201(PT-1)/450 dated 11.03.2026 was issued in this regard.
- B) Continuous coordination with stakeholders including shipping lines, vessel agents and customs authorities for smooth handling and evacuation.

3. Facilitation of Cargo Handling & Storage:

- A) Provision of adequate storage facilities within port/terminal premises, including additional space wherever required, for storage of stranded containers and cargo, subject to feasibility and regulatory provisions.
- B) Permission for stacking and temporary storage of cargo within the port area to minimize unnecessary movement and reduce associated costs.

All concerned are requested to extend full cooperation in ensuring smooth handling of cargo in the larger interest of maintaining supply chain continuity and trade facilitation.

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09.04.2026
for Traffic Manager
Paradip Port Authority

Copy to:

- 1) All Port Users / Shipping Agents / Stevedores / Vessel Operators / Trade Associations / Terminal Operators for kind information and necessary action.
- 2) All HODs of PPA for kind information and necessary action.
- 3) Paradip Customs Division, Paradip for kind information and necessary action.
- 4) CISF Unit PPA, Paradip for kind information and necessary action.
- 5) Sr.Deputy Director, EDP Cell for kind information with a request to upload the same in PPA website.
- 6) All Officers of Traffic Department for kind information and necessary action.

