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DGS Circular No. 26 of 2021

Subject: Advisory for bringing in transparency in transaction costs in EXIM trade – reg.

DGS Circular No. 1 of 2016 dated 07.09.2016 and subsequent clarification dated 26.12.2016 were issued to bring transparency in the transaction costs relating to container movement.

2. Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Directorate that some shipping lines are charging Inland Hauling Charges (IHG) and Special Priority Charges for providing out of turn containers to the shippers.

3. Whereas, DGS Circular No. 1 of 2016 dated 07.09.2016 was issued after detailed consultation with shipping lines and other stakeholders, which clearly mentions that shipping lines should not charge export rail freights Charges [except in certain circumstances specified in the clarification]. The clarification to DGS Circular No. 1 of 2016 also stipulates that no new charges would be levied by the shipping lines or the charges held as non leviable in the Advisory shall not be re-introduced with a different nomenclature.

4. Whereas, it is apparent that the levy of export rail freights without giving option to the shippers to make direct payment and levy of Special Priority Charges by some shipping lines and freight forwarders / NVOCCs / MTOs / CHAs is in violation of the Advisory dated 07.09.2016.

5. Whereas, the matter has been discussed with the shipping lines who agree that the exporters and importers should have a choice to make payments directly to the railways authority for export rail freights of containers. They have also agreed that imposition of 'special priority charges' is not being imposed by majority of the shipping lines.

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6. Now therefore, it is reiterated that the shipping lines freight forwarders / NVOCCs / MTOs / CHAs operating in India shall,

(a) Allow the EXIM trade to make direct payments to the appropriate railway authorities for export rail freights of Containers; and

(b) Not levy any special priority charges for according any priority to the containers.

7. Shipping lines and freight forwarders / NVOCCs / MTOs / CHAs shall bring this to the attention of the EXIM trade.

8. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping and Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Deputy Director General of Shipping (MTO)

To

1. All the stakeholders through DGS website
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