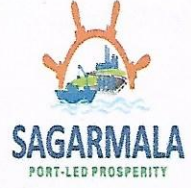




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### Trade Notice No.1/2020

**Sub: Exemptions/remission of port charges on account pandemic COVID-19 related lockdown measures - reg.**

1. In order to support and rebuild the logistic chain which have been adversely impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the lock down measures, the Ministry of Shipping (MoS), Government of India, have decided to grant some relief to the logistic chain related businesses including traders, importers, exporters, port operators, shipping lines, transporters, etc..
2. MoS, vide their letter no. PD-14033/4/2020-PD VII dtd 21.04.2020 has directed to grant exemption/remission of charges levied on the port users during the period of lock-down, i.e., from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020, in exercise of powers conferred under section 111 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963.
3. Accordingly, Cochin Port shall grant reliefs in port charges, as directed by the Ministry in their order under reference. M/s India Gateway Terminal Pvt. Ltd. (IGTPL) has also agreed to extend such benefit to the Trade and has also issued Trade Notice no.93 dtd. 23.04.2020 to this effect.
4. The members of the Trade fraternity are advised to comply with the stipulations as prescribed in the order of Ministry, in order to avail the benefits granted by the Ministry, including submission of specific requests within the stipulated time.
5. The Trade fraternity is hereby directed to pass on the benefit to their end-users.
6. The remissions/waivers/deferments stipulated shall be applicable only to port related activities, industries and commercial establishments.
7. This order shall not be applicable to any captive user, Central or state Government entities, local bodies, PSUs, CPSEs.

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8. In compliance with the directions of the Ministry of Shipping, the reliefs granted by Cochin Port are:

a. To the Port Users

Sl.	Item Head	Benefit	Beneficiary	Conditions
i.	Storage charges	Free storage time to all port users for the lock-down period.	Importers, Exporters or the Agents acting on their behalf, including Customs House Brokers, Stevedores, etc.  Bulk and break-bulk cargo discharged from ships and stored in the open and covered area within the bonded area in Ernakulam & Mattancherry Wharves and in the five warehouses viz., WH1, WH2, WH3, WH4 and WH6 outside the bonded area and storage charges for containers, cargo & personal effects at the Port CFS, etc., qualify for waiver of Storage Charges.	Applies only to the import-export cargo stored in the spaces allotted by the Port on weekly/ monthly license basis.  Applicable only for the period of lock-down.
ii.	Lease rentals, license fees related charges	Deferment of annual lease rent/license fees of April, May and June 2020, on pro-rata basis, without any interest.	Leases and Licenses allotted space on annual basis.  The storage charges for the warehouses out-side the bonded area allotted on license basis by the Traffic Manager for storage of cargo shall also be granted deferment from the payment of license fees for three months.	Applicable only for the annual lease rentals/ license fees to be received by the Port for the year 2020.  Lessee/Licensee to make specific request.  Applicable only for the months of April, May and June 2020.
iii.	Other charges, penalties	Penal charges, demurrages, detention charges, dwell-time charges, anchorage charges, penal berth hire charges, performance related penalties, etc., shall not be levied.	Traders, importers, exporters, shipping lines, concessionaires, licensees, CFS, etc.  The container lines (services and ships) calling at the International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) will be allowed the maximum rebates specified, irrespective of their fulfilling the QC or MGT or both, for eligibility for availing rebates during the lockdown period plus 30 days recovery period (totalling 73 days, from 22.03.2020 to 02.06.2020).  The Cement Terminals shall also be exempted from levy of penal Berth hire charges as required under 'Performance Norms based Incentive and Penalty Scheme'.  The Minimum Guaranteed Throughput (MGT) of these Cement Terminals shall also be proportionately reduced for the Lockdown period plus 30 days recovery period.	Applicable to delay in berthing, loading/ unloading operations or evacuation/ arrival of cargo during the period of lock-down plus 30 days recovery period, i.e., from 22nd March 2020 to 2nd June 2020.  Firms with continuous non performance in previous years shall not be considered for waiver of MGT

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## b. To the PPP Concessionaire

Sl.	Item Head	Benefit	Beneficiary	Conditions
i.	Revenue Share, royalty and equipment hire related charges	Deferment of revenue share, royalty and equipment hire related charges of April, May and June 2020 without any interest, if requested by the concessionaire.	PPP operated berths/terminals	The said amounts shall be paid by the concessionaire after interest free period of three months (reckoned month to month, i.e., the charges due in April 2020 shall be paid in month of August 2020 and so on). Specific request to be made by the concessionaire.
ii.	Lease rentals, license fees related charges	Waiver of lease rentals/ license fees and similar charges for three months (April, May and June 2020) to the extent volume of cargo dropped compared to monthly average cargo volume of last calendar year, i.e., 1st January 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019.	PPP operated berths/terminals	Amount already paid to the port shall be adjusted against the forthcoming payments from the Concessionaire. Applicable to April, May and June 2020 only.
iii.	Performance standard related obligations	Penalty or charges shall not be levied for any shortfall in any performance standards such as gross berth output, transit storage dwell time, turnaround time for delivery store receipt operations, non-transshipment requirements.	PPP operated berths/terminals	Applicable for the period of lock-down plus 30 days recovery period, i.e., from 22.03.2020 to 02.06.2020, both days inclusive.

## c. To the Shipping Lines

Sl.	Item Head	Benefit	Beneficiary	Conditions
i.	Vessel related charges from Shipping Lines	Interest free 60 days' deferment of marine dues/ vessel related charges to Indian Coastal vessels.	Indian Coastal Vessels	Coastal vessel operators to furnish requisite Bank Guarantee as security. Only deferment requests received by 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 shall be considered.

9. This order shall take immediate effect and is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
27 April 2020  
Traffic Manager  
Cochin Port Trust

To

- India Gateway Terminal Private Limited, Cochin
  - Cochin Steamer Agents Association, Cochin
  - Cochin Customs Brokers' Association, Cochin
  - Cochin Port Lease Holders' Association, Cochin
- } With a request to kindly share this information with all your clients including the Trade Bodies/Associations, Individual Importers-Exporters, business associates, service providers, etc.

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