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In the name of God

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Managing Directors of Shipping Companies, Shipping Agencies, Port Service Providers, and Other Member and Non-Member Entities

Subject: Amendment to the Circular dated April 22, 2026 (1405/02/02) concerning the Determination of the Status of Maritime Transportation of Export Containers during the Wartime Period

Dear Sirs/Madams,

With reference to the resolutions adopted at the Board of Directors meeting held on April 20, 2026 (1405/01/31), and in view of the imposed war against the Islamic Republic of Iran and the occurrence of *Force Majeure* circumstances, which rendered the performance of export shipments under the original contractual arrangements impossible, the following amendment and operational instructions are hereby issued for implementation in order to determine the status of maritime transportation of containers carrying export cargo.

۱. ##Where the Shipping Line / Shipping Agent has officially notified the concerned parties of the impossibility of performing the shipment under the original agreement, or of the regional and international operational and financial changes resulting from the war, and has requested determination of the shipment status:

###A. No Response from the Cargo Owner / Customer

Where the cargo owner or customer has not officially responded to such notification by requesting cancellation of the shipment, returning the empty container, or accepting continued retention of the container, or has otherwise failed to take action in accordance with the applicable agreement, demurrage shall become applicable one (1) week after the date of the Shipping Line's or Shipping Agent's notification (inclusive of official public holidays). Demurrage shall be calculated from the first tariff slab in accordance with the Shipping Association Tariff.

For the avoidance of doubt, all booking charges and demurrage accrued up to *March 28, 2026 (1404/12/09)* shall remain due and payable.

###B. New Agreement

Where the cargo owner or customer has concluded a new agreement with the Shipping Line or Shipping Agent following such notification, the terms of the new agreement shall be deemed valid, binding and fully enforceable.



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.۲ ##Where the Shipping Line / Shipping Agent has NOT officially notified the concerned parties of the impossibility of shipment under the original agreement or of the regional and international operational and financial changes arising from the war:

###A. Cancellation Request

Where the cargo owner or customer requests cancellation of the shipment, all booking charges and demurrage/detention charges accrued up to *March 28, 2026 (1404/12/09)*, being the commencement date of the wartime event, shall remain due and collectible.

In addition to the originally agreed *Free Time, all containers subject to this Circular shall be granted an additional **thirty (30) days' detention-free period.*

Upon expiry of the above exemption period and until the container is returned to the depot or terminal designated by the Shipping Line or Shipping Agent, demurrage shall apply in accordance with the Shipping Association Tariff commencing from the first tariff slab.

###B. New Transportation Agreement

Where the cargo owner or customer enters into a new agreement with the Shipping Line or Shipping Agent for the transportation of the cargo under revised terms and conditions, such agreement shall be considered valid, binding and enforceable.

##Amended Note

Where the cargo owner and the carrier agree upon a revised freight rate reflecting the prevailing market conditions for execution of the shipment, export containers that were unable to be transported due to the wartime circumstances shall be exempt from demurrage for the period commencing from:

*submission of the customs documentation and shipping instructions to the Shipping Agent; and
*delivery of the laden export container to the terminal or depot designated by the Shipping Agent in accordance with the original agreement,

until the commencement of the transportation operation under the newly concluded agreement.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary General