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In the name of God

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

Subject:
Clarification of Previous, Amended and Current Procedures under Note 5 of Article 1 and Supplementary Note 2 of Article 3, Chapter VI (Demurrage Charges) of Container Regulation No. 3000/00/3713/S dated January 5, 2022

Dear Sirs,
With reference to the amendments introduced to Note 5 of Article 1 and Supplementary Note 1 of Article 3 under Chapter VI (Demurrage Charges) of the Container Regulation, issued pursuant to Circular No. 3000/00/3713/S dated January 5, 2022 (1400/10/15), as well as the amendments communicated under Circular No. 3000/04/1225/S dated August 17, 2025 (1404/05/26), and the revised Demurrage Tariff issued under Circular No. 3000/04/2978/S dated February 21, 2026 (1404/12/02), and with the objective of ensuring transparency and uniform understanding of previous, amended, and current procedures, the following operational mechanism is hereby notified.

It is hereby emphasized that, in the event of any ambiguity, dispute, or uncertainty regarding the implementation of these provisions, only the official interpretation issued by the Shipping Association of Iran shall be considered valid and authoritative.

Legal Basis and Operational Procedures
A. Previous Version of Note 5 of Article 1, Chapter VI

Applicable to containers discharged into the country prior to August 23, 2025 (1404/06/01):

Where provisional invoices are issued in Iranian Rials without specifying the applicable USD-based Demurrage amount, the amount collected shall be considered provisional and shall be subject to final settlement based on the final Demurrage invoice.

However, where a provisional invoice specifies the applicable Demurrage period and the foreign exchange conversion rate applied, such invoice shall constitute final settlement of Demurrage charges up to the date of issuance of that provisional invoice.

B. Amended Version of Note 5 of Article 1, Chapter VI

Applicable from August 23, 2025 (1404/06/01) until April 04, 2026 (1405/01/15):

Provisional Demurrage invoices for containers shall be issued specifying the applicable Demurrage period and applying the exchange conversion rate effective on the date of invoice issuance.

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Payment of such invoice shall constitute full and final settlement of Demurrage charges for the relevant container up to the date of issuance of the provisional invoice.

(Amended pursuant to Notice No. 3000/04/1225/S dated August 17, 2025.)

C. Supplementary Note 2 of Article 3, Chapter VI (Demurrage Charges):

Where a single Bill of Lading covers multiple containers, the exchange conversion rate applicable on the empty container return date of each individual container shall constitute the basis for the final calculation of Demurrage charges for that specific container only.

Such rate shall not be extended or applied to other containers returned on previous dates.

(Amended pursuant to Notice No. 3000/04/1225/S dated August 17, 2025.)

D. Revised 2026 Demurrage Tariff Provisions

Replacing previous procedures under Note 5 of Article 1 and Supplementary Note 1 of Article 3, Chapter VI, effective from April 04, 2026 (1405/01/15):

In order to establish uniform procedures and standardize foreign exchange conversion rates, the daily cash exchange rate of the "Second Trading Hall (Talar II)," utilized by the Ports and Maritime Organization of Iran for invoicing port dues of foreign vessels, shall serve as the official benchmark for container Demurrage calculations.

Accordingly, the applicable exchange rate for invoice issuance and collection shall be the Talar II exchange rate effective on the date of return of the final empty container to the contracted depot designated by the shipping line, container owner, or shipping agency.

The daily Talar II exchange rate shall be published on the official website of the Shipping Association of Iran:

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Operational Rules

1.
Where containers covered by a Bill of Lading were discharged into the country prior to August 23, 2025 (1404/06/01), and all empty containers were returned to the shipping depot before that date, such containers shall remain exclusively subject to the procedures and circulars applicable prior to August 23, 2025.

2.
Where all or part of the empty containers covered by a Bill of Lading discharged into the country prior to August 23, 2025 are returned to the shipping depot on or after August 23, 2025, the calculation and collection of Demurrage charges for each individual container from that date onward shall be performed strictly in accordance with Circular No. 3000/04/1225/S dated August 17, 2025.

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The issuance of provisional Rial invoices for such operations, with the purpose of altering the applicable calculation method for this period, shall have no validity or effect.

(USD provisional calculation based on the return of each individual container.)

3.
Where containers covered by a Bill of Lading were discharged into the country between August 23, 2025 (1404/06/01) and April 03, 2026 (1405/01/14), the calculation and collection of Demurrage charges shall be valid and enforceable exclusively in accordance with Circular No. 3000/04/1225/S dated August 17, 2025.

(USD provisional calculation based on the return of each individual container.)

4.
The calculation and collection of Demurrage charges for containers discharged into the country on or after April 04, 2026 (1405/01/15), shall be performed on a Bill of Lading basis, using the exchange rate applicable on the empty container return date of the final container, and in accordance with the operational procedure stipulated in Demurrage Circular No. 3000/04/2978/S dated February 21, 2026.
It should be noted that progressive tariff slabs shall not apply retroactively.
(USD provisional calculation, per Bill of Lading, based on the exchange rate applicable on the return date of the final empty container.)

5.
The Rial-based provisions contained in Note 5 of Article 1, Chapter VI (Original Version) of Circular No. 3000/00/3713/S dated January 5, 2022, and Supplementary Note 1 of Article 3, Chapter VI (Amended Version) of Circular No. 3000/04/1225/S dated August 17, 2025, shall be deemed revoked and shall have no effect for Bills of Lading discharged into the country on or after April 04, 2026 (1405/01/15).

6.
In the event of any ambiguity or interpretation based on individual discretion, only the formal advisory opinion issued by the Shipping Association of Iran shall serve as the final reference and authoritative interpretation.

Respectfully,

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