



दीनदयाल पत्तन प्राधिकरण

(आईएसओ 9001:2008 एवं आईएसओ 14001:2004 प्रमाणित पोर्ट)



DEENDAYAL PORT AUTHORITY

(AN ISO 9001:2008 & ISO 14001:2004 CERTIFIED PORT)

यातायात प्रबंधक का कार्यालय, दीनदयाल पत्तन प्राधिकरण, श्रमदीप बिल्डिंग, नया कंडला)कच्छ (370210)



No. Traffic/Shipping/MiddleEastIssue/2026/195

Date: 16.03.2026

TRADE NOTICE

Subject: Waiver of Ground Rent charges for Middle East bound export containers stranded inside port area due to geo-political disturbances.

In compliance with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways directives dated 6th March 2026 regarding Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Major Ports to mitigate the impact of geo-political disturbances in the Middle East, read with 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, DPA issues this Trade Notice for immediate compliance of all concerned in order to mitigate the hardships faced by the port users due to the ongoing geo-political disturbances in the Middle East.

In line with the MoPS&W directives, DPA is committed to extend all possible assistance to the EXIM community to tide over this crisis situation. DPA has decided to offer waiver on charges like ground rent and reefer plug-in charges to the stranded export containers.

The following measures have already been taken by the Port and Terminal Operator to give relief to the EXIM community:

1. Facility to store stranded containers in the terminal's container yards till the cargo is shipped out.
2. DPA and the Terminal are in constant consultation with Customs Authorities to facilitate storage of laden containers from other ports destined to Middle East, as temporary transshipment cargo at DPA terminal.
3. DPA is also providing additional storage area to the terminal for stacking such additional cargo.

In addition to the above, DPA in association with its Terminal Operator has decided to implement the following measures to mitigate the burden on the exporters for their stranded cargo destined for Ports & Terminal in Middle East region affected by recent geo-political disturbances as under:

1. Terminal Operator shall give 100% waiver on ground rent / dwell time charges up to 15 days (from 0000 hours on 28.02.2026 up to 2400 hours on 14.03.2026) for

containers which were lying inside the Terminal from 28th February 2026 or those which had gated in till 0700 hours on 08.03.2026.

2. Terminal Operator shall waive 80% of the reefer plug-in charges up to 15 days (from 0000 hours on 28.02.2026 till 2400 hours on 14.03.2026) to those stranded reefer containers loaded with perishable goods, which were lying inside from 28th February 2026 or those which had gated in till 0700 hours on 08.03.2026 only.

3. The Shipping Lines, NVOCC, and Freight Forwarders are directed to ensure that these benefits are passed on to the actual exporters.

This notice is issued with the approval of the Chairman, DPA.



TRAFFIC MANAGER
DEENDAYAL PORT AUTHORITY

To,

All Port Users / Trade Associations

Copy to:

1. Sr.PS to Chairperson – for kind information of Chairperson please.
2. PS to Dy. Chairperson – for kind information of Dy. Chairperson please.
3. FA&CAO, Secretary, DC, CE, CME – for kind information please.
4. Sr.DTM/DTM/Sr.ATM/All ATMs- for information please.
5. Terminal Head, M/s. Kandla International Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd.
6. EDP Section – kindly circulate on website.