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यातायात विभाग  
अम्बेडकर भवन, पोर्ट क्षेत्र,  
विशाखपट्टणम - 530035  
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VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY  
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT  
Ambedkar Bhavan, Port Area,  
Visakhapatnam – 530035 (A.P)



ITRA/SHP/FCIR  
08-04-2026

To  
All Port Users

**CIRCULAR -**

Sub: Waiver of Ground Rent Charges for Middle East-bound Export Containers  
Stranded Inside Port Area Due to Geo-Political Disturbances

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In continuation to this Office Circular No. 1912 of file No. ITRA/SHP/FCIR, Dt. 16-03-2026 and Circular No. 1918 of file No. ITRA/SHP/FCIR, Dt. 08-04-2026, issued 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, 2021, and relevant provisions of the respective Concession Agreements executed with the Concessionaires, the Competent Authority, Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA), issues this Office Circular for immediate compliance by all concerned in order to mitigate the hardships faced by port users due to the ongoing geo-political disturbances in the Middle East.

The Competent Authority has decided to extend the validity of the waiver on the following charges up to 30.04.2026, in continuation of the above-mentioned Trade Notices.

**1. Ground Rent / Dwell Time Charges:**

Terminal Operator shall grant 100% waiver on Ground Rent / Dwell Time charges up to 30.04.2026 (from 0000 hrs on 01.04.2026 to 2400 hrs on 05-05-2026)

Applicable for:

- Export containers destined for the Middle East
- Containers lying inside the terminal as on 28.02.2026, or
- Containers gated in up to 0600 hrs on 08.03.2026

**2. Reefer Plug-in Charges:**

Terminal Operator shall grant 80% waiver on reefer plug-in charges up to 30.04.2026 (from 0000 hrs on 01.04.2026 to 2400 hrs on 05-05-2026)

Applicable for:

- Stranded reefer containers carrying perishable goods
- Containers lying inside the terminal as on 28.02.2026, or
- Containers gated in up to 0700 hrs on 08.03.2026

This Circular is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
Traffic Manager

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