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Dear Sir,

Chennai Port is pleased to inform that our terminals have been instructed, to comply as per the Ministry of Shipping Guidelines dt. 31.03.2020, regarding waiver of container detention / demurrage / storage charges.

Regards

DTM (Marketing)  
Chennai Port Trust

16<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

To

Shri. P.Raveendran, IRTS  
Chairman  
Chennai Port Trust  
Chennai

Dear Shri.Raveendran,

Greetings !

Madras Chamber needs no introduction to you. We are in the 184<sup>th</sup> year of service to trade and Industry.

While the nation is combating Covid 19, we understand that the Ports declared as essential services are functioning and we would like to record our appreciation to the Government for ensuring free movement of goods through their various regulations.

One of the Government directives which were appreciated was that detention charges should not be collected during the lockdown period. This directive definitely paved the way for ease of doing business.

However, we were shocked at the trade notice from one of the container terminals operating at Chennai Port announcing only 50% waiver from April 1, 2020. This is against the Government's directive, announced through D.G Shipping (Point 5 & 6 of DGS order).

Now, that the lockdown stands extended by the State Government as well as the Central Government up to 3rd May 2020, if 50% waiver is only considered, the trade will definitely be burdened as most of the factories are unable to operate during this Health Emergency period. Other Agencies related to this service might cite this and follow the same position and not extend the waiver, adding to the woes of the trade.

We seek your interference in addressing the same and request you to consider full waiver of detention charges as per the regulations of the Government. There are similar directions/instructions from the chief commissioner of customs office for other agencies falling under their scope to extend the benefit during this lock down period .

Look forward to your support.

Regards

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