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F. No. MTO/Review Schedule-II (1)/2019

Dated: 22.04.2020

DGS Order No. 11 of 2020

<u>Sub.:</u> Extension of validity of DGS Order No. 07 of 2020 dated 29.03.2020 and modification of DGS Order No. 08 of 2020 dated 31.03.2020.

Whereas, DGS Order No.07 of 2020 dated 29.03.2020 was issued as an advisory on non-charging of container detention charges on import and export shipments, for the period 22nd March, 2020 to 14th April, 2020 (both days inclusive).

- 2. Whereas, DGS No. 08 of 2020 dated 31.03.2020 was issued as an advisory on non-charging of any demurrage, ground rent beyond the allowed free period, storage charges in the port, additional anchorage charges, berth hire charges or vessel demurrage or any performance related penalty on non-containerized cargo (i.e. bulk, break bulk and liquid cargo), for the period 22nd March, 2020 to 14th April, 2020 (both days inclusive).
- 3. Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide its Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 14th April, 2020 has ordered that the lockdown measures put in place vide its Order dated 24.03.2020 read with its amendments, will continue to remain in force up-to 03.05.2020.
- 4. Whereas, the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India vide its letter no. PD-14033/4/2020-PD VII dated 21st April, 2020 has superseded its earlier order No. PD-14300/4/2020-PD VII dated 31st March, 2020 and now has issued comprehensive directions to the major ports to remit penal charges, demurrages, detention charges, dwell time charges, anchorage charges, penal berth hire charges, performance relate penalties, etc. levied on the port users including the shipping lines.
- 5. Now, therefore to maintain the continuity, the DGS Order No. 07 of 2020 dated 29.03.2020 relating to non-charging of container detention charges on import and export shipments will continue to remain in force from 22nd March, 2020 to 03rd May, 2020 (both days inclusive).

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- 6. Further, the exemptions under DGS Order No.08 of 2020 dated 31.03.2020 were in force from 22nd March, 2020 to 14th April, 2020 (both days inclusive), over and above free time arrangements that is currently agreed and availed as part of any negotiated contractual terms.
- 7. It is now decided, that for the second lockdown period, the shipping companies or carriers (and their agents by whatever name called) shall not charge, levy or recover any penal charges, demurrage, ground rent, storage charges in the port, detention charges, dwell time charges, additional anchorage charges, penal berth hire charges, vessel demurrage or any performance related penalties on cargo owners/consignees of non-containerized cargo (i.e. bulk, brake bulk & liquid cargo) whether LCL or not for the period from 15th April, 2020 to 03rd May, 2020 (both days inclusive), due to delay in berthing, loading/unloading operations or evacuation/arrival of cargo.
- 8. The above exemptions/remissions shall be over and above free time arrangement that is currently agreed and availed as part of any negotiated contractual terms. During this period the shipping companies or carriers (and their agents) are also advised not to impose any new or additional charge. This decision is a onetime measure to factor-in the present situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic.

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To

- 1. All stakeholders concerned, through DGS Website.
- 2. Shipping Corporation of India, Mumbai.
- 3. Indian Ports Association, New Delhi.
- 4. Indian Private Ports & Terminal Association, Mumbai.
- 5. Container Shipping Lines Association, Mumbai.
- 6. INSA, Mumbai
- 7. ICCSA, Mumbai.
- 8. Inland Importers and Consumer Association, Delhi.
- 9. Timber Importer Association, Maharashtra.
- 10. Association of Multimodal Transport Operators Association of India, Mumbai.

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