



বাংলাদেশ শিপিং এজেন্টস্ এসোসিয়েশন BANGLADESH SHIPPING AGENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Dated: 29-09-2022

The Chairman
Chittagong Port Authority
Chattogram

**Sub: Request to start operation of Patenga Container Terminal (PCT) at the earliest
with existing operation equipments till final decision of the Government.**

Dear Sir,

With due respect, we would like to point out that you are aware about continuous growth in the volume of Cargo and Container at about 14% every year due to which number of vessels calling Chittagong Port and handling operation have been increasing rapidly. As a result, number of vessels waiting at outer anchorage have been increasing resulting delay in berthing and handling of vessel. At present, berthing delay of vessels specially General/Bulk Cargo carrying vessels is more than 11 (Eleven) days.

It was earlier decided by CPA Management to start operation of Patenga Container Terminal (PCT) from 21 July, 2022. But Chittagong Port has not implemented the decision. It is learnt that construction of Jetties, Back-up Facilities and all other components of the project have been completed except Water Reserver for supply of water to vessels which is expected to be completed within the shortest time. So, Patenga Container Terminal (PCT) may be brought into operation with all infrastructural facilities to cope with increasing demand of foreign trade.

In view of the above and in order to increase operational performance including reduction of berthing delay of vessels, we would earnestly request your good self to start operation of the Patenga Container Terminal (PCT) at the earliest with existing operation equipments till final decision of the Government for full pledged operation.

With best regards,

(Syed Mohammad Arif)
Chairman

- Cc to:
1. The Principal Secretary to the Honourable Prime Minister, Dhaka.
 2. The Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
 3. The Member (Engineering), Chittagong Port Authority, Chattogram.
 4. The Member (H&M), Chittagong Port Authority, Chattogram.
 5. The Deputy Conservator, Chittagong Port Authority, Chattogram.
 6. The Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority, Chattogram.
 7. The President, The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
 8. Members of the Board of Directors, BSAA.