



বাংলাদেশ শিপিং এজেন্টস্ এসোসিয়েশন BANGLADESH SHIPPING AGENTS' ASSOCIATION

BSAA/05/2023/06

Dated: 08-01-2023

The Chairman
Chittagong Port Authority
Chattogram

Sub: **Request for withdrawal of Circular No. 03/2007 dated 16-05-2007 of the Chief Finance & Accounts Officer**

Dear Sir,

With due respect we would like to draw your personal attention to Circular No. 03/2007 dated 16-05-2007 of the Chief Finance & Accounts Officer/CPA (Annex-A) imposing restriction on collection of THC by Shipping Agents and inclusion in the freight.

In this connection, it is pointed out that as per long prevailing system in shipping trade before 2007, local Shipping Agents would collect THC in local currency and pay bill of Chittagong Port and other Authorities. But after issuance of the circular, they cannot collect THC since these are included in the freight. On the other hand, THC charges are being included in the freight at double/more of double the actual rate and millions of U.S.D are going outside of the country since issuance of Circular No. 03/2007 dated 16-05-2007.

We are all aware about present economic crisis particularly shortage of U.S. Dollar for which import trade has been facing serious problems. Solution of economic crisis may be easier and partially solved if Shipping Agents are permitted to realize THC as per long prevailing system upon withdrawal of the circular.

As per content of the circular, it was issued based on decision of the meeting held on 14-05-2007 among CPA, BGMEA, BSAA, CCC&I and PICDA for inclusion of THC in the freight. But that meeting was organized and conducted by the Task Force during Emergency Period of the country.

In view of the facts stated above and considering foreign currency crisis of the country, we would request your good self to withdraw the Circular No. 03/2007 dated 16-05-2007 of the Chief Finance & Accounts Officer of Chittagong Port Authority.

With best regards,


(Syed Mohammad Arif)
Chairman

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- Cc to:
1. The Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
 2. The Member (Finance), Chittagong Port Authority.
 3. The Chief Finance & Accounts Officer, Chittagong Port Authority.
 4. The President, Bangladesh Freight Forwarders' Association.
 5. Members of the Board of Directors, BSAA.
 6. All Member Agents, BSAA.



Annex - A

CHAIRMAN:-.....
VICE-CHAIRMAN:-.....

The Chittagong Port Authority
Office of The Chief Finance & Accounts Officer

Circular No.03/07

Date :16-05-2007.

It is hereby notified for information and necessary action of all concerned that as per decision of the meeting held on 14-05-2007 among CPA, BGMEA, BSAA, CCC&I and PICDA, all agents will issue clean Bill of Lading where it must be specified that the freight is prepaid or freight collect. Terminal Handling Charges (THC)/LCL Charges (CPA Tariff Item No-4.1) and all other charges for Containers will be included in the freight. Importer will not pay any other charges to the agent in the destination. For Export Container the same procedure will be followed.

This circular is hereby issued with the approval of the competent authority and shall come into effect from 20th May, 2007.

Circular No. 02/07 Dated 16/05/2007 is hereby cancelled.

[Signature]
24/5/2009
Chief Finance & Accounts Officer
Chittagong Port Authority

File No. CF&AO-4(158)/Loose-6/A -1032

Date :16-05-2007.

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
 2. Commodore Commanding, Bangladesh Navy, Naval Base, Chittagong.
 3. Commander, Task Force (Bravo), Artillery Centre & School, Hlishahar Cantonment.
 4. Head Quarters, Joint Force, CPA Girls High School, Chittagong.
 5. Commanding Officer, Port Army Security Cell, Marine Workshop, Chittagong.
 6. Zonal Commander (East Zone), Bangladesh Coast Guard, Marine Fisheries Academy, Chittagong.
 7. Managing Director, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Chittagong.
 8. Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chittagong.
 9. General Manager (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chittagong.
 10. All Members, CPA.
 11. Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, CGO Building, Chittagong.
- Controller of Food (M&S), Riaz Chamber, Karnaphully Market, Chittagong.

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