



বাংলাদেশ শিপিং এজেন্টস্ এসোসিয়েশন BANGLADESH SHIPPING AGENTS' ASSOCIATION

BSAA/05/2023/01

Dated: 01-01-2023

The Chairman
Chittagong Port Authority
Chattogram

Sub: **Palletization/Packing of LCL and FCL Cargo**

Ref: Director (Traffic)/CPA's Circular No. 17/2022 dated 24-11-2022

Dear Sir,

With due respect we would like to inform you that Director (Traffic)/CPA's Circular No. 17/2022 dated 24-11-2022 (Annex-A) regarding Palletization/Packing of LCL and FCL Cargo has created serious confusion among Shipping Agents and their foreign counterparts. Because, Palletization depends on different factors like size, nature, buyer's requirement, etc. of cargo. According to them, palletization of LCL and FCL Cargo should be done in line with set, standard for smooth and safe operation of cargo based on size, nature, buyer's requirement, etc. of cargo. So, Member Agents' understanding is that Palletization/Packing must be ensured based on nature, size, etc. of cargo according to necessity and thus, before implementation of the circular it should be clearly clarified for better understanding and removal of confusion of all concerned.

In this connection, we would like to reiterate discussions in different meetings of CPA where stress was given in carrying and handling DG Cargo and necessary instructions were given for strict compliance which was circulated among Member Agents. But issue of Palletization/Packing of all LCL and FCL Cargo was not discussed in line with directives given in the circular of the Director (Traffic)/CPA including legal action against concerned parties.

We would also like to point out that Importers/Consignees are mainly related with implementation of the directives of the circular. According to them, palletization involve use of layers of plastic wrap around covering the respective consignment and wooden plank/frame structure. Both materials are highly inflammable. So, palletization may not completely solve apprehension of risk of fire incidents. Moreover, General Imports/Break Bulk Cargo are being imported and stored in sheds without palletization but incident of fire has not been experienced on the question of palletization.

It is mentionable here that new instruction/decision on any issue cannot be implemented overnight. Because, it relates extra cost to concerned parties and they must be given sufficient time to evaluate cost factors and affect in the trade. Besides, directives in the circular will definitely create negative impact on the consignments in pipeline.

In view of the circumstances stated above, we would request your good self to postpone implementation of the Circular No. 17/2022 dated 24-11-2022 of the Director

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(Traffic)/CPA and review Palletization/Packing applicable on cargoes categorically for better understanding and removal of confusion of concerned parties.

With best regards,

(Syed Mohammad Arif)
Chairman

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- Cc to:
1. The Member (H&M), Chittagong Port Authority.
 2. The Director (Traffic), Chittagong Port Authority.
 3. The President, The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industries, Dhaka.
 4. The President, Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association.
 5. The President, The Chittagong Chamber Of Commerce & Industry, Chattogram.
 6. All Member Agents, BSAA.



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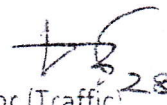
CIRCULAR NO. 17/2022

Dated : 24-11-2022.

This is for the notification of all concerned Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Importers, Exporters regarding the packing and attachment of shipping marks on all the cargoes imported and exported through Chittagong Port. It is observed that in some cases proper instruction are not followed which create complexities in stacking LCL cargoes and delivery of the LCL/FCL cargoes to the concerned C&F agents or consignees representatives. Besides the risk of fire incidents are increasing since the cargoes are not being palletized and packed properly.

Therefore it is requested to all concern to palletize/pack all the LCL and FCL cargoes according to the set standard for smooth and safe port operation accordingly. Otherwise Legal Actions will be taken against the concerned as per the ordinance of Chittagong Port Authority with effect from 01.01.2023.

This is circulated with the approval of competent authority.

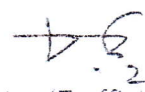

Director (Traffic) 28/11/2022
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1. All Members, CPA.
2. Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chattogram.
3. Dy. Traffic Manager (OP)/CPA.
4. Terminal Manager/ CPA.
5. P.A. To Chairman, CPA. For kind information.
6. President, Chittagong Chamber of Commerce & Industry, WTC Building, 102-103, Agrabad, C/A, Chittagong.
7. President/Secretary, BGMEA Complex House, 7/7A, Sect. 17, Block-H/1, Uttara, Dhaka-1230.
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9. President, Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association, Anwar Trade Center (Level-10) 1728, Agrabad C/A, Chattogram.
- ✓ 10. Chairman, Bangladesh Shipping Agents' Association, Chamber House (2nd floor), 38, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong - For information and wide circulation amongst member shipping agents.
11. President, BICDA, Akhtaruzzaman Center (8th Floor), Agrabad, Chittagong.
12. President/Secretary, Customs Clearing Agents Association, C&F Tower (13th Floor), 1712, Sk. Mujib Road, Agrabad, Chittagong.
13. All shipping agents, Chittagong.
14. System Analyst, For Publish in CPA Website.
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