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Sub : Levying of Demurrage and Detention Charges for lockdown period despite Government Notifications

Dear Sir : Greetings from FICCI. Hope you are doing well and keeping safe.

In the midst of this unprecedented crisis, we would like to thank the Ministry of Shipping for its continuous support to the industry.

Based on a number of feedback and inputs received from our members, I write to draw your kind attention to the ongoing situation, which, as our members have pointed out, is in contradiction to the following advisories issued by DG Shipping -

- **DGS Order No. 07 of 2020:** Advisory on non-charging of container detention charges on import and export shipments from 22-Mar-2020 to 14-Apr-2020 (both days inclusive).
- **DGS Order No. 08 of 2020:** Advisory on non-charging of any demurrage, ground rent beyond the allowed free period or any performance related penalty on non-containerized cargo during the period of effect of COVID-19 pandemic.
- **DGS Order No. 11 of 2020:** Extension of validity of the Order No 07 of 2020 and modification Order 08 of 2020 till 3rd May 2020.

Member-companies have brought to our attention that despite notifications issued by the Government, Container Freight Stations (CFS) are not releasing the imported cargo without payment of demurrage charges / detention charges for the lock-down period. Thus, companies are seeking support from the Government in conveying to the CFS the need for extension of container detention free time for this lock-down period over and above their negotiated contracted free days. Similarly, they have also requested for Government intervention in ensuring demurrage charges are not levied for the entire lock-down period.

We could provide case-specific details, if required. Please let us know.

We shall greatly appreciate if you kindly recommend / take appropriate measures to address this issue and provide an effective solution. We look forward to your valuable guidance and support.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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