



GRANT OF FREE DAYS FOR CONTAINERS

Attention is invited to Circular No .M/13-5/TM/25 of 95-96 dated 29th November, 2002 under which all concerned were informed about the grant of extended free days for import cargoes and containers for the period of one year from 20th November 2002. Now the Board in its meeting held on 14th November, 2003 revised the extended free period for cargoes to six calendar days following the date of vessel's completion of import operations and for loaded import containers to three calendar days following the date of completion of vessel's discharge. The extended free period for other categories of containers will remain the same as indicated in the above circular.

The extended free period of cargoes and containers from 20th November, 2003 to 19th November, 2004 will be as follows:

I. For cargoes in the Docks and extended Dock areas:

Six calendar days following the date of vessel completing discharge operations. The containerised cargoes will similarly get six calendar free days following date of vessel completing discharge operations.

II. Free Dwell time for containers lying in the Port premises shall be as under:

Sr. No.	Category	Free Dwell Time
i.	Loaded import containers lying in the port premises	3 calendar days from the date of completion of vessel's import operations.
ii.	Loaded export containers stored in the port premises	15 calendar days from the date of stuffing of containers in port CFSs or from the date of fully loaded containers brought to the port premises.
iii.	Empty containers import or export	5 calendar days from the date of completion of vessel import operations or from the date of receipt of export containers.
iv.	ICD containers	15 calendar days from the date of completion of vessel import operations or from the date of receipt in the Port in case of export ICD containers
v.	Transshipment loaded containers	30 calendar days from the date of completion of vessel import operations
vi.	Transshipment empty containers	15 calendar days from the date of completion of vessel import operations.
vii.	Containers whether loaded	

	or empty stored in the dedicated container yard at BPS	3 free days from the date of receipt in the yard
viii.	Export/shut out containers taken back to town	Nil

Note 1: The containers stored at BPS Yard and removed to other locations shall be entitled to the balance number of free days for the respective category as above.

Note 2: The free days are calendar days and in computing number of free days, Dock holidays, Sundays, Custom holidays shall be included.

Note 3: The revised free period will be applied on cargo of the vessels which complete discharging on or after 20th November, 2003.

The trade may please note that the delivery of the imported goods should be taken expeditiously and if the delivery is slowed down/stopped for any purpose, which results in hindrance of vessel's discharge/loading operations at the berth, the importers/agents of the vessel/exporters shall arrange to shift the cargoes/containers to the place indicated/nominated by the Port, failing which the Port will arrange to shift the same at the cost of the concerned.

Yours faithfully,

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TRAFFIC MANAGER