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TO: ALL PORT USERS

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: NOTICE OF 2023 PORT TARIFFS REVISION AND RESTRUCTURING

Reference is made to our letter DG/HQ/C3/V.24/228 dated April 14, 2023 in connection with the above captioned subject.

We are glad to inform you that in our effort to further mitigate the impact of the tariffs revision on our cherished customers, we made further exemptions and reduced the level of increases proposed on some of the tariff items.

We have further postponed the implementation date from **July 1, 2023 to August 1, 2023** to provide ample time for all our stakeholders to prepare for the implementation.

A) LIST OF ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROPOSED INCREASE

The list of additional exempted tariff lines is provided below:

1. Stevedoring charges on transshipment containers
2. Craneage charges on transshipment containers
3. Labour Overtime charges on transshipment containers
4. Port Dues charges on unpacked Vehicles
5. Stevedoring charges on unpacked vehicles
6. Craneage charges on unpacked vehicles
7. Labour Overtime on unpacked vehicles
8. Stevedoring charges on unpacked Motor Bikes.
9. Delay and Idle Time Charges
10. Shore-ship related Overtime charges on unpacked vehicles.

B) RATE OF INCREASE FOR HANDLING EMPTY CONTAINERS REDUCED TO 4%

In order to minimise the cost burden of handling empty containers on the Container Lines and our customers in general, we have reduced the proposed rate of increase for stevedoring and related charges of Empty Containers from 5% to 4%. This is in addition to the exemption made on Terminal Handling Charges for Empty Containers.

1. Stevedoring charges on empty containers to increase by 4%
2. Craneage charges on empty containers to increase by 4%
3. Labour Overtime charges on empty containers to increase by 4%

**C) REDUCTION IN RATE OF INCREASE ON GHANA CEDI INDEXED TARIFFS
– FOURTH SCHEDULE OF THE PORT TARIFFS**

1. The proposed **95%** increase on **GHANA CEDI (GHS)** indexed tariffs in the Fourth Schedule of the port tariffs is reduced to **65%**.
2. We have extended the rent free days for storage of Hazardous Containerised Cargo in category II on transit, from 5 days to 10 days. This will allow the transit customers adequate time to complete documentation and take delivery of consignments without much struggle.

D) RESTRUCTURED UNSTUFFING CHARGES

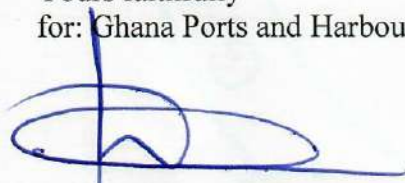
It may be recalled that we proposed to restructure the unstuffing charges for containers said to contain **General Goods, Engines/Spares, Machinery and Equipment and Vehicles** into a unified rate to create convenience, certainty, predictability and ease of application and interpretation of port tariffs. The restructuring has resulted in increased tariffs for unstuffing containers with General Goods. The unstuffing charges for Engines/Spares, Machinery & Equipment and Vehicles, however reduced. We have moderated the rate of increase to minimise the impact on container with general goods.

Details of all changes to the tariffs is attached for your perusal.

A copy of the **PORT TARIFFS, SEAPORTS OF GHANA – AUGUST 1, 2023** reflecting the aforementioned changes is attached for your further action.

We thank you for your usual cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully
for: Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority



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cc: Director of Port Tema/Tdi/Keta
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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2023 TARIFFS REVISION

A) FIRST SCHEDULE: PORT DUES

1. A general **5%** increase on Port Dues on Cargo.

The following items are exempt from the increase.

- i. Port Dues on Vessels
- ii. International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Dues)
- iii. Port Infrastructure Development Dues (PIDD).
- iv. Port Dues on Transshipment Containers.
- v. Light Dues on vessels

A) FIRST SCHEDULE: PORT DUES

2. **DIRTY CARGO CHARGE:** The charge is adjusted to **US\$ 0.30 per tonne**.

1. A general 5% increase on Port Dues on Cargo

3. **FIRE SAFETY DUES:** The rate is adjusted to **US\$0.30 per tonne**. Applicable to Takoradi liquid bulk terminal.

4. **TAKORADI DRY BULK TERMINAL:** The Port dues on cargo for the operations of Takoradi Dry Bulk Terminal has been incorporated into the tariff

B) SECOND SCHEDULE – VESSEL HANDLING

1. A general **5%** increase on Marine charges comprising Pilotage, Towage, Mooring/Unmooring, Berth Occupancy, Shifting of vessels and other marine related charges.

2. Anchorage is exempt.

3. BERTH OCCUPANCY SURCHARGE

A surcharge on vessels occupying commercial berths for reasons other than cargo work has been introduced. Example breakdown, striking crew etc. The surcharge is US\$ 5,000.00 per day of 24 hours or part thereof.

4. **CANCELLATION OF VESSEL MOVEMENT WHILE PILOT IS ABOARD:** Any movement called off while Pilot is aboard shall attract a surcharge of double the rate for cancellation within 30 minutes before sailing time in addition to pilot detention if any.

C) THIRD SCHEDULE - STEVEDORING

1. A general **5%** increase in Stevedore charges across all commodity and trade types.
2. **TAKORADI DRY BULK TERMINAL:** The Stevedoring (Headlining) charges for Takoradi Dry Bulk Terminal has been incorporated into the tariff.

Item	Commodity/Cargo	Import	Export	Transshipment	Transit
		US\$	US%	US\$	US\$
1.0	Conventional	5%	5%	5%	5%
2.0	Dry Bulk/Semi Bulk	5%	5%	5%	5%
3.0	Liquid Bulk	5%	5%	5%	5%
4.0	Container	5%	5%	5%	5%
5.0	Unpacked Vehicles	5%	5%	5%	5%
6.0	BIBO Operation	5%	5%	5%	5%
7.0	Craneage	5%	5%	5%	5%
8.0	Labour Overtime	5%	5%	5%	5%
9.0	Other Stevedoring	5%	5%	5%	5%

The following tariff lines are exempt from the increase.

- i. Stevedoring charges on transshipment containers
- ii. Craneage charges on transshipment containers
- iii. Labour Overtime charges on transshipment containers
- iv. Port Dues charges on unpacked Vehicles
- v. Stevedoring charges on unpacked vehicles
- vi. Craneage charges on unpacked vehicles
- vii. Labour Overtime on unpacked vehicles
- viii. Stevedoring charges of unpacked Motor Bikes.
- ix. Delay and Idle Time Charges

D) FOURTH SCHEDULE – (RECEIPT AND DELIVERY SERVICES)

1. A general increase of **65%** to be implemented for **GHANA CEDI** indexed tariffs in the Fourth Schedule The rate of increase is necessary to restore the value of the tariff items in the light of inflationary pressures and currency depreciation.

The following tariff lines are exempt from the increase:

- i. Terminal Handling charges for Transit and Transshipment Containers.
- ii. Terminal Handling charges for Empty Containers
- iii. Storage Rent on Transit and Transshipment
- iv. Storage Rent on Empty Containers
- v. Shore-ship related Overtime charges on unpacked vehicles

2. RESTRUCTURED THE RATES FOR UNSTUFFING CONTAINER SAID TO CONTAIN GENERAL GOOD, ENGINES/SPARES, MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

The unstuffing charges for containers said to contain General Goods, Engines/Spares, Machinery and Equipment and Vehicles has been restructured into a unified rate to create convenience, certainty, predictability and ease of application and interpretation of port tariffs.

3. THE RECEIPT AND DELIVERY CHARGES FOR THE USE OF CONVEYOR SYSTEM AT TAKORADI DRY BULK TERMINAL:

The Shorehandling charge for the use of the conveyor system at the Takoradi Dry Bulk Terminal has been incorporated into the tariff.

FOURTH SCHEDULE: RECEIPT AND DELIVERY CHARGES					
A. CONVENTIONAL CARGO	Import GHS	Export GHS	Transhipment (US\$)	Transit US\$	
1. TERMINAL HANDLING CHARGES:	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	
a. Lifts up To 5 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
b. Lifts 6 to 10 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
c. Lifts above 10 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
d. Dangerous Goods I	65%	65%	0%	0%	
e. Dangerous Goods II	65%	65%	0%	0%	
f. Unitised Cargo	65%	65%	0%	0%	
g. Unitised Dangerous Goods I	65%	65%	0%	0%	
h. Unitised Dangerous Goods II	65%	65%	0%	0%	
i. BIBO Operations	65%	65%	0%	0%	
2. TRANSFER BETWEEN PORT AND OFF-DOCK TERMINALS:	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	
A. Lifts up to 5 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
B. Lifts 6 to 10 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
C. Lifts above 10 Tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
D. Dangerous Goods I	65%	65%	0%	0%	
E. Dangerous Goods II	65%	65%	0%	0%	
F. Unitised Cargo	65%	65%	0%	0%	
G. Unitised Dangerous Goods I	65%	65%	0%	0%	
H. Unitised Dangerous Goods II	65%	65%	0%	0%	
TRANSFER BETWEEN TERMINAL 2 AND TERMINAL 1 - TEMA	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	PER TONNE	
a. Lifts up to 5 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
b. Lifts 6 to 10 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
c. Lifts above 10 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
d. Dangerous goods I	65%	65%	0%	0%	
e. Dangerous goods II	65%	65%	0%	0%	
f. Unitised cargo	65%	65%	0%	0%	
g. Unitised Dangerous Goods I	65%	65%	0%	0%	
h. Unitised Dangerous Goods II	65%	65%	0%	0%	
TRANSFER BETWEEN TERMINAL 3 AND TERMINAL 1 - TEMA	GH¢	GH¢	US\$	US\$	
a. Lifts Up to 5 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
b. Lifts 6 to 10 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
c. Lifts above 10 tonnes	65%	65%	0%	0%	
d. Dangerous Goods I	65%	65%	0%	0%	
e. Dangerous Goods II	65%	65%	0%	0%	
f. Unitised Cargo	65%	65%	0%	0%	
g. Unitised Dangerous Goods I	65%	65%	0%	0%	
h. Unitised Dangerous Goods II	65%	65%	0%	0%	

FOURTH SCHEDULE: RECEIPT AND DELIVERY CHARGES					
B. UNPACKED VEHICLES		Import GHS	Export GHS	Transshipment (US\$)	Transit US\$
		PER UNIT	PER UNIT	PER UNIT	PER UNIT
	1. Terminal Handling Charges:	65%	65%	0%	0%
	2. Transfer Between Port and Safebond Car Terminal - Tema	65%	65%	0%	0%
	3. Transfer Between Port and Safebond Car Terminal - Takoradi	65%	65%	0%	0%
	4. Inter-Terminal Transfer Of Vehicles	65%	65%	0%	0%
C. CONTAINERS		Import GHS	Export GHS	Transshipment (US\$)	Transit US\$
	1. TERMINAL HANDLING CHARGE	PER BOX	PER BOX	PER BOX	PER BOX
	i. STUFFED CONTAINERS	GH¢	GH¢	US\$	US\$
	a. Container with General Goods:	65%	65%	0%	0%
	b. Container Stuffed with DG I:	65%	65%	0%	0%
	c. Container Stuffed with DG II:	65%	65%	0%	0%
		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
	ii. EMPTY CONTAINERS	0%	0%	0%	0%

	2.CONTAINER STUFFING UNSTUFFING CHARGES	IMPORT	EXPORT	TRANSHIPMENT	TRANSIT
		GH¢	GH¢	US\$	US\$
	a. Container With General Goods:	80%-100%	80%-100%	35%-50%	35%-50%
	b. Container Stuffed with Engines/ Spares	(22%-38%)	(22%-38%)	(38%-59%)	(38%-59%)
	c. Container With Vehicles:	11%-38%	11%-38%	(4%-34%)	(4%-34%)
	d. Container Stuffed With DG I	65%	65%	0%	0%
	e. Container Stuffed With DG II	65%	65%	0%	0%

	3. RE-STUFFING OF CONTAINER	IMPORT	EXPORT	TRANSHIPMENT	TRANSIT
	a. Container With General Goods:	80%-100%	80%-00%	0%	0%
	b. Cont. With Engines /Spare Parts:	(7%)	(7%)	(41%-55%)	(41%-55%)
	c. Cont. With Vehicles	66%-95%	66%-95%	(5%-27%)	(5%-27%)
	d. Container Stuffed With DG I	65%	65%	0%	0%
	e. Container Stuffed With DG II	65%	65%	0%	0%

	4.PARTIAL UNSTUFFING	IMPORT	EXPORT	TRANSHIPMENT	TRANSIT
	a. Container With General Goods	65%	65%	0%	0%
	b. Cont. With Engines/ Spares	(48%)	(48%)	(70%)	(70%)
	c. Container Stuffed With Vehicle	(8%)	(8%)	(52%)	(52%)
	d. Container Stuffed With DG I	65%	65%	0%	0%
	e. Container Stuffed With DG II	65%	65%	0%	0%

	D. STORAGE RENT /MONITORING OF DANGEROUS GOODS	FREE DAYS	1ST 7 DAYS	NEXT 7 DAYS	THERE AFTER
	a. Container (Import /Export)	7	30%	45%	65%
	b. Conventional cargo (Import/Export)	7/20	30%	45%	65%
	c. Unpacked Vehicles Import Export	7	30%	45%	65%

E. FIFTH SCHEDULE – HIRE OF CRAFT AND EQUIPMENT

No increase to Hire of Craft and Equipment. The rates are already reasonably high.

F. SIXTH SCHEDULE – SMALL CRAFT

A general 5% increase in services provided to small craft.

G. SEVENTH SCHEDULE – TEMA FISHING HARBOUR

A general 5% increase on Marine Services, Port Dues and other services provided at Tema Fishing Harbour.

H. EIGHTH SCHEDULE - OIL RIGS /PRODUCTION PLATFORMS

No increase in rates

I. NINTH SCHEDULE – OIL AND GAS SERVICES

1. General 5% increase in rates.
2. Introduced a pilotage charge for supply/support vessels calling Takoradi Naval Base. The charge is fixed at US\$ 200 per call.

J. TENTH SCHEDULE – COASTAL TRAFFIC

General 5% increase in rates

K. ELEVENTH SCHEDULE – OFFSHORE OPERATIONS

The tariff for ship-to-ship operations is restructured and reduced to attract that business segment to Tema and Takoradi Ports.

L. TWELFTH SCHEDULE - SHIP WASTE RECEPTION FACILITIES

No increase in rates

M. THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE – LICENCE FEES

No increase in rates.