



13-03-2026

TRADE ADVISORY

Subject: Implementation of Waiver of Storage/Dwell time charges and Reefer Plug-in charges for Middle East Bound Export Laden Containers stranded in port area due to geo-political disturbances in Middle East.

Kind attention of all stakeholders is invited to the directives issued by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, dated 06.03.2026, regarding the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Major Ports to mitigate the impact of geo-political disturbances, and to the Trade Notice dated 10.03.2026 issued by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) providing relief measures for exporters, including waiver of ground rent and reefer plug-in charges for Middle East-bound export laden containers stranded within the port area due to the prevailing geo-political disturbances.

2. Details of Waivers Granted by Port Authority:

JNPA has issued a Trade Notice providing the following relief measures:

- a. 100% waiver on ground rent/ dwell time charges up to 15 days (from 0000 hours on 28.02.2026 till 2400 hours on 14.03.2026) for those Middle East bound export laden containers, which are affected by the geo-political disturbances; and are lying inside the terminal from 28th February 2026 or those which had gated in till 0700 hours on 08.03.2026 only.
- b. 80% waiver on the reefer plugin charges for 15 days (from 0000 hours on 28.02.2026 up to 2400 hours on 14.03.2026) for those Middle East bound export laden containers, which are affected by the geo-political disturbances; and are lying inside the terminal from 28th February 2026 or those which had gated in till 0700 hours on 08.03.2026 only.

Further, JNPA has instructed Shipping Lines and other stakeholders to ensure that the

above benefits are passed on to the end customers/exporters.

3. In view of the above-mentioned Trade Advisory issued by JNPA, all Shipping Lines and Non-Vessel Owning Common Carriers (NVOCCs) are hereby directed to ensure that the above benefits are duly passed on to the actual exporters without any deviation.

4. Any difficulty encountered in the implementation of this Trade Advisory may be brought to the notice of the Assistant Commissioner, SCMTR Cell, for prompt resolution.

(B. SUMIDAA DEVI)
Commissioner of Customs
NS-General, JNCH