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To: Members of the Council

**Sub.: Issues at Major Ports**

**Dear Member,**

As you aware, the Lock-down measures on account of COVID-19 has disrupted operations at the ports. This has adversely affected the volume of imports and exports volumes, delays in evacuation of cargos etc.

The Ministry of Shipping has sent an advisory dated April 21, 2020 to all the major ports to follow some measures to provide relief to the users of the various facilities at the ports which includes the following:

- (1) Ports shall allow free storage time to all port users for the Lock down period.
- (2) Ports shall ensure that no penal charges, demurrages, detention charges, dwell time charges, anchorage charges, penal berth hire charges, performance related penalties etc are levied on any port user (exporters, importers, shipping lines, traders, CFS etc) for any delay in berthing, loading / unloading operations or evacuation / arrival of cargos during the Lock -down period plus 30 days recovery period.

A copy of the above Advisory of the Ministry of Shipping is enclosed herewith ([click here](#)).

This is for your information.

**Regards,**

**Dr.Siddhartha Rajagopal**

**Executive Director**

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