



Sri Lanka Shippers' Council

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SLSC Circular to the membership/ Importers & Exporters

Attention: MANAGING DIRECTOR/CEO
DIRECTOR EXPORTS / IMPORTS

Unfair & Unrealistic charges on Import / Export shipments

As you may be aware, the importers and exporters who have strict timelines for customs clearance of their import / export shipments, have no choice but to agree to many of these charges levied by 3p service providers, even though they feel many of them are unfair and **not in line with INCO terms or Liner terms**.

According to the findings, these are largely on FCA, CIF& CIP, LCL shipments. As a result, these charges are directly affecting the final cost of the Importer or the Exporter and then these large amounts of collected funds, may get drained out of the country losing much valued foreign currency to the country, which can also be considered as exchange control violation.

Sri Lanka Shippers' Council has taken this matter up at a recent meeting held with Director General of Merchant Shipping (DGMS) and as agreed at the meeting, all such cases should be reported to the attention of the DGMS for necessary action.

We are of the view that, this issue has to be strictly addressed without delay and we wish to educate and support the trade on these matters.

In view of the above, Council urge all importers/exporters to be vigilant on this issue and to take up these matters strongly with the relevant service providers /parties. **Further, it is also advised to report unresolved matters to DGMS for necessary action.**

A list of the various charges prevailing in the industry, compiled by the Shippers' Council, which have not been applicable according to the transacted INCO term, is enclosed for your information.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,
Sri Lanka Shippers' Council

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Encl/- **Various (Adhoc) Charges levied by Shipping Associations**

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<u>CHARGES</u>
THC
Doc fees
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Delivery Order (imports)
B/L fee (export)
Telex Release of Cargo (import and export)
Release against Guarantee
B/L amendments and corrections
Manifest Corrections (import)
Change of Status Admin Charge(incl.MCC,excl.empty removal)
Late B/L pick-up Fee (after 7 calendar days)
Late issuance of Shipping Instruction(SI)-more than 24 hours after vessel sailed
Manual (non-electric) SI
Container Cleaning Fee (import)
Separate THC for imports from 1995
Delivery order (import)
Fee on Release against Guarantee
Manifest correction import
Container Cleaning Fee
Imports (introduction of "0" freight)
Separate THC charge for exports
Container seal fee
US-AMS charge
Carrier security cargo
B/L Fee (Export) or FCR
LCL Charge
Telex Release of Cargo
B/L Amendments and corrections
Change of status admin charge
Late B/L pick up fee (7days)
Late Issuance of shipping instructions
Manuel shipping instructions
EU AMS
Emergency Bunker Adjustment factor
Handling charge
Status charge

MCC stuffing/de stuffing charge
Equipment imbalance charge
Liner Charge
Documentation charge
Container movement charge
Container Survey charge
Colombo Cost Recovery Surcharge (CCRS)
Container imbalance surcharge.
Change of status
Transport charge
Bank guarantee charge
Operational charge
Liner charge
BL Surrender fee
Origin service tax
Fumigation charge
Lift on charge
Documentation
Handling
Administration fee
Equipment cleaning / washing
CFS Charges
Agency charges - Origin
Changing status
AMS
ISPS

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