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***Imposition of Additional Demurrage, Detention & Allied Charges due to Regional War situation***

We have been receiving reports from members regarding imposition of demurrage, detention and other related charges due to ongoing disruption in global shipping caused by the prevailing Israel-Iran war situation.

These extraordinary circumstances have led to serious operational challenges including vessel shut-outs, blank sailing, rescheduling of vessels, rerouting, port congestion and delays in container movement and clearance. As a result, shipping lines and terminal operators are imposing not only demurrage and detention charges, but also additional financial burdens on exporters.

Members are particularly facing cumulative impacts in the form of port storage charges, container handling and re-handling charges, war risk surcharges (WRS), equipment imbalance or container shortage charges, roll-over charges due to non-shipment, late gate-in charges and documentation amendment or cancellation charges, which are significantly increasing the cost of doing business.

In this regard, members facing such demurrage, detention and other allied charges are requested to share complete details along with supporting documents with the association secretariat at the earliest via courier, email at [kho@paksea.com](mailto:kho@paksea.com) or by hand. This will enable the Association to effectively take up the matter with the concerned shipping lines, terminal operators and relevant authorities for waiver, reduction or rationalization of these charges.

PAKSEA remains fully committed to safeguarding the business interests of its members and will actively pursue this matter at all relevant forums.

Your cooperation in timely submission of cases is highly appreciated.

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