

RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF COST RECOVERY SURCHARGE – FINAL DESTINATION , COLOMBO, SL

The consolidation industry will be implementing a COST RECOVERY SURCHARGE of US\$.30 per Per HBL effective from the next immediate vessel arriving Colombo (20th November 2020).

This immediate implementation is due to the constraints the Port of Colombo is facing due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Dearth of Labour due to Curfew and Lockdown.

Shortage of Container Transport because majority of the Drivers reside in the severely affected district of Gampaha, where the Ports Authority Resident quarters are situated. – almost 600 quarters.

The Warehouses are absolutely congested again because of dearth of manual labour for destuffing of laden container.

Inter-Terminal movements are very restricted, because ground space is barely available.

Berthing delays.

By passing of vessels to avoid congestion.

The above constraints created additional costs in engaging transport for all purposes.

Additional costs for destuffing.

Additional costs for labour

And of course additional statutory charges to move on the matter.

Therefore, we seek your valued understanding at this hour need to move on the matter and get the required operations performed.