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Dear All,

Further to the Circular No. 72 issued on 27th April 2020, please find below notice appeared on SLPA website for your reference.

Concessionary period for port occupational charges extended

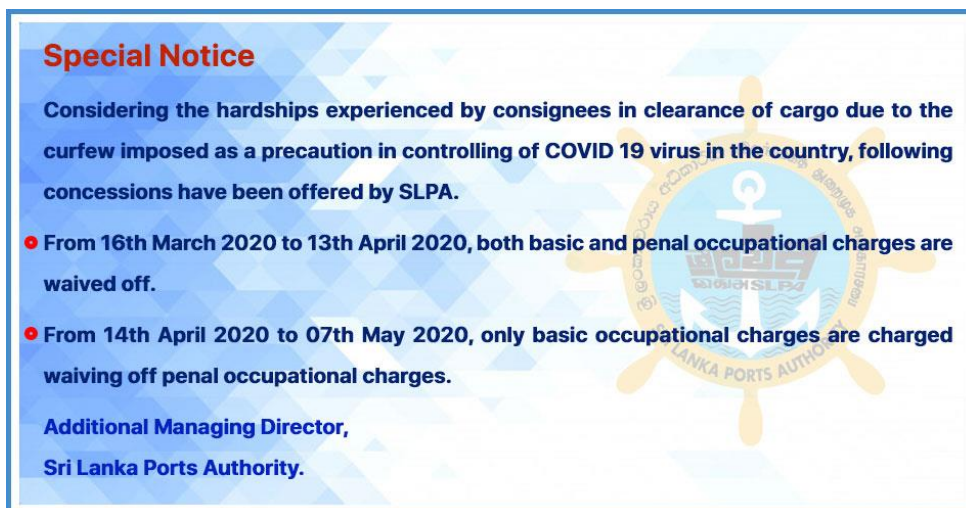
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- **Penal charges for the said period are fully waved off. The terminals of JCT and UCT of Sri Lanka Ports Authority, terminals of the SAGT and CICT will act accordingly.**
The Ministry of Ports and Shipping has informed Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA), SAGT and CICT today (2020.04.27) to extend the concessionary period for occupational charges in the Port of Colombo and all commercial ports in Sri Lanka, up to 07th May 2020.

Due to prevailing Covid-19 outbreak in the island, institutions and their staffs related to operating import and export consignments have faced large difficulties. As a result, all terminals and warehouses in Sri Lanka Ports Authority, SAGT and CICT have reached their maximum capacities. This has further created obstacles for the continuity of port operations, and obtaining required space for positioning of containers and port cargo at terminals and warehouses in the port. Port operations and services should be continued to fulfill the distribution of essential consumer items, medicine and medical supplies and other necessary consumer products in the island.

Hon.Minister of Ports and Shipping Johnston Fernando with special attention into the matter has further re-extended instructions issued earlier from 16th March 2020 to 13th April 2020 with regard to 'occupational charges'. Accordingly, Sri Lanka Ports Authority, SAGT and CICT have been instructed today, to offer related concession from 14th April 2020 to 07th May 2020 to all consignees.

Accordingly, for the said period, only basic occupational charges will be charged at terminals for all imported local TEUs. Penal charges for the said period are fully waved off. The terminals of JCT and UCT of Sri Lanka Ports Authority, terminals of the SAGT and CICT will act accordingly.

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Special Notice

Considering the hardships experienced by consignees in clearance of cargo due to the curfew imposed as a precaution in controlling of COVID 19 virus in the country, following concessions have been offered by SLPA.

- From 16th March 2020 to 13th April 2020, both basic and penal occupational charges are waived off.
- From 14th April 2020 to 07th May 2020, only basic occupational charges are charged waiving off penal occupational charges.

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