

**6 January, 2014**

**RE :- Regulation on Terminal Handling and Other Charges in Sri Lanka .**

This refers to our earlier message dated , ( 02nd of Jan,2014) and would like to inform you that , The Extraordinary Gazette on Terminal Handling and Other Charges by Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non-Vessel Operating Common Carriers, Container Operators and Consolidators of Cargo was published by His Excellency the President, who is also the Minister of Highways, Ports and Shipping.

The move crystallizes one of the several proposals made by His Excellency the President Mahinda Rajapaksa in the Budget 2014 to create greater transparency in the levy of terminal handling and other charges. It will promote productivity growth and competitiveness of imports and exports. Regulation will be enforced by the Director of Merchant Shipping from Monday, 6th January 2014.

(Read the Gazette – Attached)

Accordingly , with immediate effect ( **from today 6th January 2014** ) the new procedure will be implemented by us and we could collect only standard delivery order charges in Colombo from your valued customers for all imports ( both FCLs and LCLs) and no any other charge could be collected from consignees other than freight . The shipments which have already on boarded may considered case by case.

The THC and any other charges should be lined as 'all in freight' and collected at origin if the freight is payable by shipper or other wise 'such all in freight' amount should be informed us to collect on 'freight collect' shipments .

We kindly request you to liaise very closely with carrier and pay/recover whatever the charges at origin from the shipper on freight prepaid shipments as we could collect only delivery order fee in Colombo .