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**To: All Shipping Agents, Shipping Lines, C & F Agents and Other Port Users**

**Subject: Storage, Handling and Transportation of Class 1.4S Container  
Containing Dangerous Goods**

In line with the PCFC-Trakhees-EHS Ports and Maritime Regulations, *as amended*, read in conjunction with the IMO International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code and ILO Code of Practice: Safety and Health in Ports, containers containing dangerous goods falling within the classification code 1.4S may be stored within the Port for as maximum period of 8 days subject to strict adherence and observance of the following listed Trakhees-EHS port safety requirements:

- (a) The storage of freight containers, containing dangerous goods with the classification code 1.4S, within the port area is restricted to transshipment containers only.
- (b) All freight containers containing dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S shall be properly packaged, placarded and marked in accordance with the provisions contained in the IMDG Code, *as amended*.
- (c) The Agent shall obtain prior permission from the Concerned Authority, for example, Dubai Police, for the transshipment of a freight container containing dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S – Any requirements and restrictions imposed by the Concerned Authority shall be strictly observed and adhered to by such Agent.

Without derogating from the requirements contained in aforementioned clause, the Port Operator shall obtain permission from the Port Regulator- PCFC-Trakhees-EHS, including the Fire Department, where a freight container containing dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S, will be stored on its premises pending onward shipment.

- (d) The agent shall ensure advance and accurate submission of the cargo (classification code 1.4S) manifest information to all the concerned authorities in order to facilitate entry/residence of the legitimate/permitted containerised cargo in the storage yard.
- (e) The Agent shall ensure that the period in which a freight container containing dangerous goods having a classification code 1.4S remains in the Port does not, under any circumstances, exceed the allowable 8 day storage period.
- (f) The Agent shall ensure that where the dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S, which is not normally temperature-controlled but can be exposed to ambient temperature levels equal to or exceeding the maximum allowable ambient temperature level under which such cargo may be transported / stored, such cargo shall be transported / stored under

conditions of temperature control such that the temperature of the immediate surroundings of the cargo does not exceed the prescribed maximum ambient temperature allowed for that particular type of cargo.

Note: The surface of a freight container can heat rapidly when in direct sunlight in nearly windless conditions and the cargo may also become heated. In this regard, the Agent is responsible for ensuring that the Shipper is made aware of prevailing weather conditions (ambient temperatures)

- (g) The Agent shall ensure that all freight containers containing dangerous goods having a classification code 1.4S are locked or suitably secured in order to prevent unauthorized access to the cargo stored therein. Similarly, the Port Operator shall provide and maintain adequate security measures preventing unauthorized persons gaining access to such freight containers.
- (h) The Port Operator shall ensure that the container-stacking area where freight containers containing dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S is adequately illuminated and that the storage areas / slots are clearly demarcated.
- (i) The Port Operator shall ensure that the general provisions for segregation between the various classes of dangerous goods, as contained in the IMDG Code, is strictly observed and adhered to.
- (j) The Port Operator shall not permit or allow any hot work to be undertaken in, on or near a freight container containing dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S, unless such work is performed under a permit to work system approved and issued by a Competent Person.
- (k) The Port Operator shall provide and maintain systems of work directed at the handling, transportation and storage of freight containers containing dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S that, as far as is reasonably practicable, safe and without risks to health and port property.
- (l) The Port Operator shall provide such information, instruction, training and supervision as may be necessary to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, the proper and safe handling and storage of freight containers containing dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S.
- (m) The Port Operator shall ensure that employees engaged in the transport, handling and storage of freight containers containing dangerous goods having the classification code 1.4S are trained in the contents of dangerous goods provisions that commensurate with their responsibilities, including the action to be taken in the event of an emergency situation arising. Training governing shore-side personnel is dealt with in the IMDG Code and is to be referred to for guidance / clarification.

- (n) The Port Operator shall anticipate, and make arrangements for the preparation and publication of an emergency plan incorporating all foreseeable emergency scenarios that could be encountered with regards the handling, transport and storage of freight containers containing dangerous goods with the classification code 1.4S. The emergency plans shall be compatible and harmonized with the PCFC Emergency management Plans.
- (o) Any contravention to these above mentioned requirements may result in appropriate sanctions being imposed which may include imposition of fines against the violator.

This circular supersedes any previous port safety requirements restricting storage of Class 1.4S container in the Port premises. All relevant and applicable IMDG Code and Ports EHS requirements shall be strictly followed at all times.

Any clarification needed on this circular shall be emailed to [ehs.ports@trakhees.ae](mailto:ehs.ports@trakhees.ae) or contact Mr. Nazeer Hussain at Tel no: 97148068820.

Sincerely,

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