

Kolkata Port Trust

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Container Terminal Office,
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All Concerned

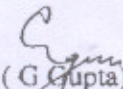
Sub: Stacking of export containers at the yards
with doors facing all in the same direction.

It has been brought to our notice that some transshipment ports, for better yard management, are asking the feeder container vessels to discharge containers with doors facing all in the same direction. Consequently, the Vessel Operators are asking us to load/tender all the export containers with doors facing the aft of the container vessels to avoid penalty being imposed at the transshipment ports.

In order to comply with the aforesaid requirement it is absolutely necessary that all the export containers are stacked at the yards with doors facing one side. This process has already started and export containers are being stacked in such a fashion at the yards of 4/5/7/8 NSD.

So far no problem has been encountered for 40 ft as well as for one (1) 20 ft container on a truck/trailer, however in case of 2x20 ft containers on a single trailer it has been observed that on many occasions the containers are brought to the docks with one door facing the rear end of the trailer while the other facing the drivers cabin, apparently to facilitate examination of cargo/seal by the concerned Authorities. The Exporters/C&F Agents/Transporters are requested to explore the possibility of bringing the containers with doors facing the same direction. However on occasions when the same will not be possible for them to bring the containers in such a fashion, the concerned trailer driver should be briefed to adhere to the instructions of our officials and that of our service provider M/s ABG Container Terminals Pvt Ltd so that unloading can be done as per our requirement.

All concerned are requested to co-operate.


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