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TRADE NOTICE

The President, Maritime Association of Nationwide Shipping Agencies – India (MANSA)
The President, Brihanmumbai Customs Brokers Association (BCBA)
The President, Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry
The Chairman, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India (FFFAI)
The President, Western India Shippers' Association (WISA)
The Chairman, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)
All India Importer's & Exporter's Association (AIIEA)
Indian National Ship Owners Association (INSOA)
All India Liquid Bulk Importers & Exporters Association (AILBIEA)
The President, Association of Multimodal Transport Operators' of India
Indian Merchant Chambers
Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers Association (SIAMA)
ICC Shipping Association (ICCSA)
Indian Barge Owners Association

Dear Sirs,

Sub: Implementation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to mitigate
impact of geopolitical disturbance in the Middle East – Reg.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, vide its communication dated 06.03.2026, has issued a **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)** for Major Ports to mitigate the impact arising from the ongoing geopolitical disturbance in the Middle East affecting cargo movement and shipping operations.

2. In compliance with the above directions, **Mumbai Port Authority** will implement the prescribed facilitation measures to support trade and ensure smooth port operations during the affected period. The key facilitation measures include, inter-alia:

- i) Close monitoring of the situation through periodic interaction with stakeholders such as shipping lines, exporters, terminal operators, Customs and other concerned agencies.
- ii) Facilitation of storage of cargo destined for the Middle East as **transshipment cargo**, wherever required.
- iii) Allotment of **additional storage space**, subject to availability, for cargo affected due to disruption in Middle East trade routes.

- iv) Facilitation of **ad-hoc vessel calls** for dropping or picking Middle East bound transshipment cargo.
- v) Expeditious facilitation of **“Back to Town” movement of export cargo** lying in port premises in coordination with Customs.
- vi) **Priority handling for perishable cargo** to avoid deterioration.
- vii) Priority consideration for **export cargo returning from the Middle East**.
- viii) Facilitation of **additional bunkering requirements**, wherever feasible.
- ix) Requests from port users regarding **reduction/waiver/remission of charges**, if any, may be considered on a case-to-case basis depending upon prevailing circumstances.

3. For effective coordination and prompt resolution of issues arising in this regard, the following officer has been designated as the **Nodal Officer / Single Point of Contact (SPOC)**:

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4. All stakeholders are requested to contact the Nodal Officer for any operational issues or facilitation required relating to cargo/vessels affected due to the ongoing situation in the Middle East.

5. You are requested to kindly **circulate the contents of this circular among your members** for information and necessary coordination.



Traffic Manager
Mumbai Port Authority