

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
REVENUE DIVISION
FEDERAL BOARD OF REVENUE**

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Islamabad, the 31 March, 2020

1. Chairman, Karachi Port Trust, Karachi.
2. Chairman, Port Qasim Authority, Karachi
3. Director General, National Logistics Cell, Rawalpindi.
4. Karachi International Container Terminal (KICT), Karachi
5. Pakistan International Container Terminal (PICT), Karachi
6. Qasim International Container Terminal (QICT), Karachi
7. South Asia Port Terminal (SAPT), Karachi
8. All Off-Dock Terminals.

Subject: **SEEKING RELIEF MEASURES TO EXTEND THE FREE PERIOD AT TERMINALS.**

I am directed to refer to the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry's representation dated 30 March, 2020 on the subject cited above (copy enclosed).

2. Pakistan is currently facing a great challenge to address the issue of spread of COVID-19 (corona virus). As a result of lock down and restriction of movement of people/vehicles, the time duration for lifting the cargo from the ports is exceeding the free time as allowed to the importers under normal course of business. Given the current situation and to facilitate trade, it is requested that demurrage and detention charges may not be charged from the importers for a period of 15 days in addition to the free time already allowed by the port authorities.

Encl: (As above).

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Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Islamabad with the request to take up the issue with Terminal Operators.
2. Chief Collectors (Enforcement/Appraisalment-South) Karachi,
3. Chief Collectors (Enforcement/Appraisalment-Central) Lahore,
4. Chief Collector(North) Islamabad,
5. Chief Collector (Balochistan) Quetta.
6. All Collectors to take action, where required under section 14 A(2) and section 203 of the Customs Act, 1969.