

Ban applied by both Indian & Pakistan Government on commercial shipping - 14th Update

Dear Valued Customers and Partners,

Following our earlier communication, we would like to provide a critical update regarding ocean freight operations post-ceasefire.

Port Congestion:

Port Qasim, which had remained fully operational, is now experiencing severe congestion. Reports indicate that container gating-in is taking several hours, primarily due to increased inbound volumes and intensified security protocols. We anticipate that the situation will begin to ease over the weekend.

Service Restructuring and Transshipment Challenges:

In the aftermath of India's refusal to allow transshipment of Pakistan-origin cargo through its ports (and vice versa), many carriers have withdrawn direct services to and from Pakistan. Consequently, carriers have restructured their service networks and now operate feeder shuttles from Karachi to Colombo, Salalah, Jebel Ali, and other transshipment hubs. These feeders connect to mother vessels at those locations, impacting transit times and overall capacity.

Emergency Operational Surcharges:

Several carriers have announced Emergency Operational Surcharges (EOS) to offset increased operational costs and logistical challenges:

CMA CGM: USD 800 per container, effective 15th May 2025

MSC: USD 800 per container, effective 19th May 2025

Hapag-Lloyd: USD 500 per container, effective 21st May 2025

We are closely monitoring the situation and remain in active communication with all carriers to minimize disruption and identify alternate solutions where possible.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Regards

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