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SABAH PORTS AUTHORITY PORT CIRCULAR NO. 02/2025

TO : All Port Users
Marine Service Providers
Shipping & Logistic Community

SUBJECT : Directive To Remove Laden Reefer Container Within 3 Days
During The Peak Season

1. DIRECTIVE

The Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP) is experiencing rapid growth volume at the back of strong foreign direct investment into the State of Sabah. This is good for the economy of the State although SBCP is currently operating under constrained container yard space. A new directive is issued here in order to mitigate potential congestion at the port during the peak season.

Notwithstanding **Tariff Item 41(ii) of Sabah Ports Authority (Scale of Dues and Charges) Regulations 1982**, which permits 5 days free storage period for containers, under **Section 46(1)(b) of the Sabah Ports Authority Enactment 1981**, Sabah Ports Authority (SPA) has the power to require the **removal of perishable goods within a period not less than twenty-four (24) hours after landing**. Should the goods remain uncollected within this period, SPA may **sell, auction, or otherwise dispose of such goods** as it deems appropriate.

Pursuant to the above provision, all consignees and any relevant parties involved are hereby directed to remove **Laden Reefer Container within 3 days of landing** at SBCP during the peak season effective from **20th November 2025 to 28th February 2026**. The current practice of 5 free days storage period remains applicable to all other containers until further notice.

Please take note that under **Section 52 of Sabah Ports Authority Enactment 1981**, failure to obey the above directive is an offence under and subject to a fine of **Ringgit Malaysia Five Hundred** and, in the case of continuing offence, to a fine of **Ringgit Malaysia One Hundred** for every day or part of a day.

2. CONTACT FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES

SPA seeks the full cooperation of all parties involved to adhere to the operational directive. We trust such mitigating measure and successful cooperation from all parties concerned will generate greater benefits for all parties involved. All queries related to this circular can be directed to the Sabah Ports Authority General Manager's office.

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Thank you.

Regards,



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