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### SABAH PORTS AUTHORITY PORT CIRCULAR NO. 01/2026

**TO : All Licensed Port Operators;  
Port Users; &  
Relevant Stakeholders**

**SUBJECT : IMPLEMENTATION OF DETERRENT CHARGES AND REVISION  
OF FREE CONTAINER STORAGE PERIOD AT SAPANGAR BAY  
CONTAINER PORT**

#### 1. NOTICE

This circular is issued to inform all Licensed Port Operators, Port Users and Relevant Stakeholders of the implementation of deterrent charges and the revision of free container storage period **exclusively for Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP)**.

SBCP is experiencing a rapid increase in cargo and container volumes arising from strong foreign direct investment into the State of Sabah. While this growth is positive for the State's economy, SBCP is currently operating under constraints in container yard capacity.

In support of the Ministry of Industrial Development, Entrepreneurship and Transport (MINDET)'s commitment to resolve the port congestion issue at SBCP, deterrent charges and revision of free storage period will be introduced to manage container dwell time, improve yard utilization, and mitigate the risk of congestion, particularly during peak operational periods. These proposed measures have been approved by the State Cabinet of Sabah for immediate implementation.

This circular serves to notify all port users and relevant stakeholders of the relevant revisions. The official State Gazette will be published in due course.

## 2. REVISION

### Container Free Storage

The container free storage period shall be shortened from five (5) days to three (3) days until further notice, applicable to both import and export containers.

For the import container, the container free storage period shall be calculated from the date the import container is discharged from the vessel. For the export container, the container free storage period shall be counted from the date of receipt for export.

### Container Storage Charges

The following Container Storage Charges shall apply:

Item	Storage charges of containers	Up to 20' per day or part thereof (RM)	Above 20' and up to 40' per day or part thereof (RM)
1.	Empty container: 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> days	Free of Charge	Free of Charge
	Exceeding 3 days	RM12.00 per day or part thereof	RM24.00 per day or part thereof
2.	Laden container: 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> day	Free of Charge	Free of Charge
	Exceeding 3 days	RM30.00 per day or part thereof	RM60.00 per day or part thereof

**All port users and relevant stakeholders are strongly encouraged to arrange prompt collection or delivery of containers within the prescribed free storage period to avoid the imposition of such charges.**

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION

This circular shall take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2026 and shall apply exclusively at **Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP)**, and shall remain in force for such period as may be determined necessary by Sabah Ports Authority (SPA). SPA reserves the right to review, vary, suspend, or withdraw the implementation of these tariff items at its discretion.

### 4. COMPLIANCE OF LAWS

All Licensed Operator, Port Users and Relevant Stakeholders are required to take note of the amendments and ensure full compliance with Sabah Ports Authority Enactment 1981, Sabah Ports (Privatisation) Enactment 1998, and any other applicable laws imposed from time to time. Failure to comply with the revision may result in enforcement / penalty action as provided under the legal instruments as above.

### 5. CONTACT FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Sabah Ports Authority seeks the full cooperation of all parties involved for compliance of all applicable policies and procedures. All queries related to this circular can be directed to the Sabah Ports Authority General Manager's office.

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