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SABAH PORTS AUTHORITY PORT CIRCULAR NO. 05/2026

**TO : GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
PORT USERS
MARINE SERVICE PROVIDERS
SHIPPING & LOGISTICS COMMUNITY**

**SUBJECT : TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT FOR HANDLING OF
DANGEROUS GOODS (DG) CONTAINERS AT SAPANGAR BAY
CONTAINER PORT (SBCP) DURING PORT EXPANSION
WORKS**

1. NOTICE

This Circular is issued to inform all Government Agencies, Port Users, Marine Service Providers and the Shipping and Logistics Community of the **temporary operational arrangement for the handling of Dangerous Goods (DG) containers at Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP)**.

SBCP is currently undergoing port expansion works involving the development and upgrading of container yard facilities. As a result, portions of the existing container yard, including areas designated for DG container storage, have been temporarily handed over to the appointed contractor, thereby reducing the available capacity of the designated DG storage area.

In accordance with **Regulations 89 and 90 of the Port Regulations 1968** and in order to maintain safe port operations, ensure regulatory compliance, and minimize congestion within the container terminal during the expansion period, temporary control measures are required for the handling and storage of DG containers at SBCP.

During this period, all DG container handling, storage, and movement shall be carried out under the supervision and operational control of the Licensed Port Operator, DPW Sabah Sdn. Bhd., in accordance with SPA directives and applicable regulations.

2. TEMPORARY OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENT

With immediate effect, all import and export Dangerous Goods (DG) containers arriving at or departing from Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP) shall be subject to the following temporary arrangements:

- (i) All port users, shipping agents, consignees, exporters, freight forwarders, and other relevant parties shall arrange for direct delivery and immediate evacuation of DG containers upon discharge from vessels, wherever operationally practicable.
- (ii) DG containers shall not be permitted to remain within the port area beyond the minimum period required for handling, regulatory clearance, and onward transportation arrangements.
- (iii) Where direct delivery is not practicable, the handling, temporary storage and movement of DG containers shall be managed in accordance with operational requirements and instructions issued by the Licensed Port Operator, DPW Sabah Sdn Bhd.
- (iv) The Licensed Port Operator, DPW Sabah Sdn. Bhd., may implement additional operational control measures as necessary, including but not limited to scheduling of collections, prioritisation of DG container evacuation, relocation arrangements, and any other measures deemed necessary to ensure safety, regulatory compliance, and efficient utilisation of available yard space.
- (v) All parties handling DG containers shall ensure compliance with all applicable statutory, regulatory and safety requirements governing the transportation, storage and handling of Dangerous Goods.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

This Circular shall take effect immediately and shall apply exclusively at **Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP)**.

The temporary arrangements shall remain in force throughout the duration of the ongoing port expansion works or until further notice issued by Sabah Ports Authority (SPA). SPA reserves the right to review, amend, suspend or withdraw these arrangements as operational circumstances may require.

4. COMPLIANCE OF LAWS

All Government Agencies, Port Users, Marine Service Providers and the Shipping and Logistics Community are required to take note of the amendments and ensure full compliance with Sabah Ports Authority Enactment 1981, Sabah Ports (Privatisation) Enactment 1998, Port Regulations 1968, any applicable Dangerous Goods requirements and safety regulations and any other applicable laws imposed from time to time. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Circular may result in enforcement action and operational restrictions as may be deemed necessary by the Authority.

5. CONTACT FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Sabah Ports Authority seeks the full cooperation of all parties involved in ensuring the safe and efficient handling of Dangerous Goods containers during the port expansion period. 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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