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CIRCULAR

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NOTICE TO ALL SHIPPING LINES

Empty Export FIT containers

Valued Customer,

To enhance the availability of empty export FIT containers, and in view of finding a mitigation solution for the observed shortage of empty FIT containers, the shipping lines representatives and the SGTD Terminal conducted a review of the NFE (Non-Fit for Export) criteria to better address the growing requirement for export containers.

The underlying aim is to remove certain criteria which have a relatively minor impact on container quality standards, in order to increase the volume of FIT containers returned to the Terminal. As a result of joint discussions with the shipping lines “container owner” and DCS “company carrying out the inspection/cleaning of the Empty Return at the Terminal”, we conclusively agreed to remove the following items from the list of “NFE remarks”:

1. Rusty (interior rusty to an acceptable degree that does not compromise the cargo)
2. Scratch (can be used if it is minor Scratch and not heavy)
3. Dents (all containers with minor dent/in ISO can be used for export)

In this regard, the removal of these three elements will not compromise the serviceability of the containers, allowing customers to efficiently use these containers for stuffing. This procedure will be effective from **1st May 2025.**

We thank you for your understanding and compliance with this circular.

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