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TRADE ADVISORY NSDCA: Implementation of Uniform INR 500 Handling Charge on Empty Export-Container Pick-ups – Effective 1 July 2025

At the NSDCA members' meeting session on 13 June 2025 in Nhava Sheva, every empty depot operator Member of NSDCA laid out the same mounting cost burdens—pressures that, once isolated, have now combined into a single, urgent directive for action as further absorption of losses is no longer feasible. Accordingly, with the unanimous consent of all NSDCA members, a uniform Handling Charge of INR 500 per unit will apply to every empty export container pick-up, effective from 1 July 2025. The Charge of INR 500 mirrors the rate already used by certain Nhava Sheva depots, maintaining uniform pricing across the group and ensuring empty pick-ups remain viable for all Shipping lines and NVOCC partners.

It has highlighted by the members of NSDCA that there has been a sharp rise in land-lease rentals, increase in statutory wage-and-welfare obligations, persistent diesel and energy inflation, RTO mandate of reserved parking space, rising security/human resources costs, fire safety and yard-maintenance mandates, and the ongoing burden of unbilled lift-on/lift-off cycles (stack to repair v/v, following fi/fo) and extended free-storage dwell times persists.

Empty-container depots are a critical link in India's logistics chain, and rising costs now threaten their sustainability and ability to deliver the service standards that Shipping lines and NVOCCs rely on at Nhava Sheva. This uniform charge is the least-cost solution to keep operations stable while all gate procedures remain unchanged.

We appreciate your alignment with this.

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