

NOTICE TO TRADE

Nhava Sheva Container Operators Welfare Association (NSCOWA)

Driver Shortage and Transportation Delays

Date: 29/04/2026

To,
All Valued Customers / Trade Partners
Sir/Madam, Greetings

The transport industry is presently facing severe driver shortages and operational disruptions due to multiple unavoidable external factors, including geopolitical issues affecting logistics, Middle East war-related disturbances, increased LPG costs and non-availability impacting roadside food facilities for drivers, extreme summer weather, and the ongoing heatwave, which has become a major challenge as drivers are struggling with dehydration and difficult working conditions during long-distance transportation.

Additionally, seasonal migrant workforce movement during April to June and the West Bengal elections have resulted in a large number of drivers returning to their native places for voting, further worsening the shortage. Due to these exceptional circumstances, transport owners are facing major operational challenges and financial losses, resulting in delays in vehicle placement, movement, and deliveries.

As the situation is beyond the control of transporters, customers, importers, exporters, CHAs, and trade stakeholders are requested not to hold transporters responsible for unavoidable delays or service shortfalls during this period. We seek your understanding and cooperation.

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For Nhava Sheva Container Operators Welfare Association (NSCOWA)