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DGS Order No. 08 of 2020

Sub.: Advisory on non-charging of any demurrage, ground rent beyond the allowed free period or any performance related penalty on non-containerized cargo during the period of effect of Covid-19 pandemic.

1. Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has issued order No 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 24.03.2020 to impose a complete lockdown in India for a period of 21 days in view of the threat posed by the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs has vide its order No 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 25.03.2020 issued an addendum to the Guidelines annexed to the said order, exempting seaports and its operational organisations from this lockdown to ensure regular supply of goods in the country.
3. Whereas, the Government is working towards smooth functioning of the Ports and its operational organisations, given the nation-wide lockdown some delays in evacuation of goods from the ports have become inevitable due to the affect on the downstream services.
4. Whereas, as a result of these developments some cargo owners have either suspended their operations or are finding it difficult to transport goods/cargo and complete the paper work, resulting in imposition of demurrage, ground rent beyond the allowed free period, penal anchorage/berth hire charges and other performance related penalties, due to reasons beyond their control.
5. Whereas, the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India has directed all the major ports vide F. No. PD -14300/4/2020 – PD VII dated 31.03.2020 to consider exemption or remission of demurrage, ground rent beyond allowed free period, penal anchorage/berth hire charges and any other performance related penalties that may be