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All shipping agents
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Subject: Bill of loading terms (maritime transport contract)

The Saudi Ports Authority stresses on everyone to acknowledge their rights and duties within the legal obligations from the commercial relationship under the bill of loading (maritime transport contract) and the regulations for shipping agents which was implemented starting from 18/10/2020.

The Saudi Ports Authority stresses on the following:

1. The bill of loading is a contractual document regulating cargo shipment from one country to another, it includes the details of the shipment and limits of the responsibilities and obligations of each of the party in the contract (carrier, importer, and exporter), thus it is a legally binding document on all parties if they accept the terms and conditions it contains and the consequences of it and its circulation and the transfer of responsibility between its parties from legal effect, and any disputes that arise from it should be resolved before the relevant legal authorities.
2. All shipping agents is obligated to not collect any amounts on behalf of the shipping line by the importer unless they are included in the requirements of the bill of loading (maritime transport contract) previously agreed upon between all parties and specified with financial amount declared to its parties and clearly included in it.

Approved for implementation and taking the necessary measures each to its area of competence, as the Saudi Ports Authority will perform its part of control and inspection to ensure compliance with the regulations and check any complaints or comments supported with documents.

President of Saudi Ports Authority
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- A photocopy to their Excellencies the Vice Presidents
- A photocopy to their Excellencies the Ports General Directors
- A photocopy to the Corporate Communication and Marketing General Department
- A photocopy to the Control and Inspection General Directorate