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**Circular No. (2) of 2022**

**To:**

Zakat, Tax and Custom Authority  
Federation of Saudi Chambers  
All operating companies at the ports  
All shipping agents

**Subject:** Postponing implementation of the mandatory use of pallets for stowing cargos imported to the Kingdom through containers

Referring to the circular issued by the Saudi Ports Authority No (31) for the year 2021, which states that as of 1/3/2022, it is mandatory for all cargo owners to use pallets for stowing cargos imported to the Kingdom through containers, except for certain cargos listed in the circular mentioned above.

Although it is crucial for importers to safely follow commercial cargo loading procedures by using the appropriate shipping pallets when importing.

We wish to note that postponing the implementation of these procedures is due to the Saudi Ports Authority need for conducting further studies on the economic effect of the mandatory implementation considering the current challenges facing the global maritime traffic.

For implementation and informing the concerned entities accordingly.

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## Circular No. (31) of 2021

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**Subject:** The use of pallets for stowing cargos imported to the Kingdom through containers is mandatory

Referring to the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf ports rules and regulations, first part – section no. (1) of rules and regulations, which aim to (providing ports with infrastructures, equipment, systems and services according to global standards and best practices), as the Saudi Port Authority looks forward to competing with regional and global ports when it comes to offered services at the port and affiliated logistics services and partnerships with all concerned entities of ports operations.

Saudi Ports Authority wishes to stress the importance of stowing cargos in all containers imported to Saudi Arabia's ports, and to place them on the pallets dedicated for shipping in a position that facilitates loading using the dedicated mechanical equipment, which reflects positively on operations inside the ports, ensures their fast customs clearance, and enhance customer experience of cargos and containers loading inside the ports, as well as facilitating trade and preventing any damage in imported cargos inside the containers.

Regulations: as of 1/3/2022, all cargo owners should comply with the mandatory use of pallets for stowing cargos imported to the Kingdom through containers, except the following:

1. Dry and liquid bulk which is carried directly on dedicated equipment, such as (wheat and other grains, cement, gypsum and petroleum... etc.).
2. Raw materials imported in heavy jumbo bags which can be difficult to place on the pallets.
3. Heavy machinery and equipment, production lines, electric generators, mechanisms... etc.
4. Metal products imported as big rolls, sheets or coiled and other products which can be difficult to load using pallets such as (insulators, cardboard, carpet and similar products).
5. Rebar, large pipes, scaffolds and similar equipment

6. Furniture in general
7. Pneumatic outer tires
8. Marble, stones and raw granite

As the authority will keep reviewing exempted cargo to update and announce it in coordination with the concerned parties.

For implementation and informing the concerned entities accordingly, and stressing that the authority will take all necessary procedures on the cargo owners who do not comply by imposing the mentioned (violations and penalties) of the ports rules and regulations, and continue to collect the fees listed in the system of port services fees and charges.

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