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RCL CUSTOMER ADVISORY

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Implementation of Port Congestion Surcharge (PCS) – Shipments into Khor Fakkan (AEKLF)

Dear Customers,

Regional Container Lines (RCL) continues to monitor global port conditions to maintain service reliability across our ocean network. Due to ongoing, severe port congestion at Khor Fakkan (AEKLF) with vessel waiting times exceeding seven (7) days, RCL will be implementing a Port Congestion Surcharge (PCS) on all import shipments bound for Khor Fakkan.

This surcharge is necessary to mitigate significant extra operational costs incurred from prolonged vessel delays and berth waiting times, ensuring we maintain operational continuity across our liner services.

Surcharge Details & Scope:

Parameter	Details
Surcharge Name / Code	Port Congestion Surcharge (PCS) / 11000
Scope / Trade Lane	All export origins into Khor Fakkan, UAE (POD: AEKLF)
Quantum / Amount	USD 450 per box
Equipment / Cargo Scope	All Dry Containers (20' / 40' / 40'HC), Reefer, Dangerous Goods (DG), and Out-of-Gauge (OOG) shipments (COC & SOC)
Affected Vessels / Voyages	VIRA BHUM 147W, HIRANYA BHUM 014W, KMTC MUMBAI 2605W, HUNSA BHUM 025W
Payment Terms	Collect at POD (payable by Consignee)

Implementation & Trigger Points:

Applicability Scope: Surcharge applies to all shipments that have been picked up, gated in, or are currently on the water bound for Khor Fakkan (AEKLF) on the designated vessels.

Equipment Coverage: Applies universally across all container types, including 20' & 40' Dry, Reefer, Special Equipment, Dangerous Goods (DG), and Out-of-Gauge (OOG) cargo.

Settlement: Collectible locally at the Port of Discharge (POD) and payable by the designated Consignee prior to cargo release.

Validity: This surcharge is implemented in addition to base freight rates, fuel adjustments, and standard terminal handling charges.

We appreciate your understanding and continued cooperation as we navigate these challenging port conditions. Rest assured, RCL remains fully dedicated to minimizing delays and restoring schedule integrity.

Should you require further clarification regarding your existing bookings or upcoming shipments, please contact our local RCL customer service.

Sincerely,

Regional Container Lines (RCL)