

Port Circular Translation

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To	ZATCA All Shipping Agencies All Companies Operating in the Port
From	Saudi Ports Authority (MAWANI)
Subject	The requirement of using pallets while stowing import cargoes into containers that are bounding to the Kingdom.

Reference to the rules and instructions of seaports in the GCC countries part 1 Section 1 Rules and Instructions which aims to (provide infrastructure, equipment, systems and services for ports in accordance with the best methods, patterns, levels and international standards), whereas, the General Ports Authority is looking forward to regional and international port competitions in the services provided in the ports and the associated logistic services and companies with all relevant authorities in port business.

The General Ports Authority would like to emphasize the importance of proper stowage of cargo inside all containers imported to the ports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and placing them on the pallets for shipping which facilitates their handling with specialized mechanical equipment and is positively reflected on the operational processes and accelerating the speed of customs clearance and improve the experience of the customer in handling cargo and containers inside the ports and facilitate trade as well, Moreover it avoids causing damages to the imported cargoes inside those containers.

Instructions: With effective from March 1, 2022, all cargo owners must use pallets while stowing of import cargoes through containers, except for the following cargoes:

1. Dry or liquid bulk materials that are carried directly on their means of transport (such as wheat and other grains, cement, gypsum, petroleum materials, etc.)
2. Raw materials that are contained in jumbo bags with heavy weights that are difficult to place on pallets.
3. Heavy machinery, equipment, production lines, generators, machinery, etc.
4. Metal products that come in the form of large rolls, coils or flats and other materials that are difficult to load on pallets such as insulators, cardboard, carpets and such related cargoes.
5. Iron skewers, large pipes, scaffolding, and such related cargoes.
6. Furniture in general.
7. Pneumatic outer tires.
8. Marble, stones and raw granite.

The authority will continuously review the excluded goods to update and announce them in coordination with the relevant authorities.

To approve and take the necessary measures to notify the concerned of its content, keeping in note that the authority will take all legal measures for non-compliant cargo owners. By applying what is mentioned in the violations and penalties from the rules and instructions of the seaports. Simultaneously the collection of the fees specified in the port services fees and tariffs to be continued and will remain unchanged.

Saudi Ports Authority

Translation of the circular script has been to the best of our knowledge and can contain minor deviations from exact synonyms of the words used in the original circular script.