



SEA EXPRESS SHIPPING LINE

(Operators of M.V. TJ ORHAN)

Date: 11th March, 2026

Subject: Notice of Port Congestion Surcharge (PCS) – M.V. TJ ORHAN

To: All Consignees / Merchants at Aden, Yemen

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sea Express Shipping Line, as operators of the vessel M.V. TJ ORHAN, wishes to inform all customers and cargo interests of the exceptional operational circumstances currently affecting the vessel at the discharge port.

The vessel arrived at the port on 24 February 2026, however due to severe congestion and berth unavailability, the vessel was only able to obtain berth on 9 March 2026, resulting in an extraordinary waiting period of approximately two weeks.

Furthermore, the discharge operations are proceeding at a perilously slow rate due to the availability of only two working cranes, significantly reducing the vessel's operational efficiency and prolonging the overall port stay.

These unforeseen operational constraints have substantially increased the vessel's port costs, including but not limited to:

- Extended waiting and berth occupancy period
- Additional operational expenses
- Rebunkering requirements, which have become significantly more expensive due to the substantial increase in bunker prices during the waiting period

In light of the above and in accordance with established international shipping practices and the carrier's right to adjust freight and ancillary charges in response to extraordinary operational circumstances, Sea Express Shipping Line will be implementing a Port Congestion Surcharge (PCS) of USD 500 per TEU on all cargo discharged from M.V. TJ ORHAN.

This surcharge is implemented under Clause 10 of the bill of lading which reads as follows:

If at any time the Carriage is or likely to be affected by any hindrance, risk, delay, difficulty or disadvantage of any kind (other than the inability of the Goods safely or properly to be carried or carried further which is provided for in Clause 24 infra) and howsoever arising (even though the circumstances giving rise to such hindrance, risk, delay, difficulty or disadvantage existed at the time this contract was entered into or the Goods were received for Carriage), the Carrier (whether or not the Carriage is commenced) may, without prior notice to the Merchant and at the sole discretion of the Carrier, either : (a) carry the Goods to the contracted Port of Discharge or Place of Delivery, whichever is applicable.... (b) then, he shall be entitled to charge such additional Freight as the Carrier may determine,

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This surcharge is necessary to partially offset the exceptional costs incurred as a direct result of the prolonged port congestion and operational limitations.

Please be advised that:

- The Port Congestion Surcharge (PCS) of USD 500 per TEU shall be payable prior to cargo delivery.
- Cargo will not be released for delivery unless and until the applicable PCS has been paid in full.
- All cargo interests, including consignees, NVOCCs, and their customers, are requested to make the necessary arrangements for payment to avoid any further delays or storage charges.

Failure to pay these charges will leave no choice, but for Sea Express to exercise lien over cargo to stop its delivery under clause 13 of the bill of lading which reads:

13) The Carrier its servants or agents shall have a lien on the Goods and any documents related thereto and a right to sell the Goods whether privately or by public auction for all Freight (including additional Freight payable under Clause 12), primage, dead freight, pre-Carriage and/or inland Carriage whatsoever, demurrage, Container demurrage and storage charges, detention charges, salvage, general average contributions and all other charges and expenses whatsoever which are for the account of the Goods or of the Merchant and for the costs and expenses of exercising such lien and of such sale and also for all previously unsatisfied debits whatsoever due to him by the Merchant.

Sea Express regrets any inconvenience caused; however, the circumstances leading to this surcharge are entirely beyond the operator's control and arise from the extraordinary congestion conditions currently prevailing at the port.

Should you require any further clarification, please contact our local agents.

Yours faithfully,

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