



TO: All Shipping Lines/Shipping Agents Operating at the Port of Mombasa

NOTICE ON STREAMLINING OF EMPTY CONTAINER MANAGEMENT AT THE PORT OF MOMBASA

Following the resolutions of the Executive Committee on Streamlining Empty Container Handling held on 26th September, 2025 at Bahari Towers, the Kenya Maritime Authority hereby issues this notice to all shipping lines/shipping agents regarding the management and evacuation of empty containers at the Port of Mombasa.

1) Evacuation of Empty Containers:

All shipping lines are directed to expedite the evacuation of empty containers currently lying within the Port and at the Port Reitz interchange. Sweepers should be availed to facilitate timely movement and decongestion of yards and depots. Notify KPA for the facilitation of the sweeper operations.

2) Demurrage Accrual:

Demurrage charges shall cease to accrue once it is confirmed that an empty container is already at the designated drop-off depot but cannot be offloaded due to capacity constraints at that depot.

3) Container Guarantee Documentation:

Where a single container guarantee covers multiple containers, the first container gated into the pre-advised depot shall present the original guarantee, while subsequent containers may present copies thereof.

4) Utilization of the Port of Lamu for Transshipment

Shipping lines are encouraged to maximize the use of the Port of Lamu for transshipment operations in order to reduce congestion at the Port of Mombasa.

The Authority will continue monitoring compliance and may convene follow-up meetings with respective shipping lines to review progress on implementation of the above directives.

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