PROCEEDINGS
THE ADMINISTRATOR , KERALA MARITIME BOARD,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695010
(Dr. RATHAN U. KELKAR I.A.S)

Sub : Kerala Maritime Board – Revision of existing rates for the services for Logistics Partners of KMB – Orders issued.

Read :. 1. G.O(P)No.28/20219/Fin Dated :08/03/2019
2. Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of the Chief Executive Officer, KMB on 31.10.2026.

ORDER No. : HOKMB-TVM/991/2026-A1 (Fin) Dated. 04-11-2026

1. Logistics Partner of KMB. In this Order, a **"Logistics Partner of KMB"** means any person, firm, company or agency – including a shipping line, freight forwarder, customs broker, transport or CFS operator, exporter or importer – that:

(a) avails land-side container movement, cargo handling, equipment hire or storage services at a port under the Kerala Maritime Board; and

(b) has completed one-time registration with KMB on payment of a one-time registration fee of **Rs. 25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only).

Registration may be obtained by responding to the Expression of Interest (EOI) issued by KMB, or at any time thereafter by a party requiring the services. The rates in this Order are available **only** to registered Logistics Partners.

2. Background. The service rates of Kerala Maritime Board were last fixed by the Government Order read as 1st above in 2019. They have not been revised since, nor adjusted to the Wholesale Price Index (WPI). Major ports, which held their rates during the COVID-19 period (2020–21), have resumed periodic revision from 2022 under their established mechanisms.

3. Justification. The WPI variation from 2019 to 2025 points to a cumulative increase of **29.44%**. This means:

(i) the 2019 rates now recover only about **77%** of their original value in real terms;

(ii) the Board's costs of power, fuel, spares, maintenance and manpower have moved with prices, while its rates have stood still; and

(iii) the shortfall is, in effect, an unbudgeted subsidy to port users, and widens every year the rates remain frozen.

A revision is therefore necessary to restore the real value of the rates and to bring them in line with comparable rates at major ports.

4. Decision of the meeting read as 2nd above. The meeting chaired by the Chief Executive Officer on 31.10.2026:

(i) noted that requests for logistics services are being received within KMB's jurisdiction, and that rates on par with major ports are essential to serve them;

(ii) considered rates prepared on a comparative study of similar services at major ports, which the Controller of Finance & Accounts (CFA) and the Finance Officer (FO) jointly examined and rationalised;

(iii) confined the revision to charges for **land-side container movement** and allied services;

(iv) directed that, on approval of the rates, an EOI be invited from logistics partners, with one-time registration made mandatory at a fee of not less than Rs. 25,000/-; and

(v) directed that draft proceedings be placed before the Administrator.

5. Order. In the circumstances above, sanction is hereby accorded to the rates in the **Schedule** to this Order, which:

(a) revise the existing rates, and prescribe rates for services for which no rate had so far been fixed;

(b) apply only to registered Logistics Partners of KMB, and only to land-side container movement and allied services; all other services continue to be charged as per the Government Order read as 1st above; and

(c) take effect from the date of this Order.

6. EOI and registration. KMB shall invite an EOI from prospective Logistics Partners incorporating these rates. Services shall be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Parties applying later, including those who did not respond to the EOI, may also be served subject to availability of space. One-time registration on payment of Rs. 25,000/- is mandatory before any service is availed.

7. Conditions. The rates are subject to the following conditions:

(i) The rates are exclusive of GST and other statutory levies, which shall be charged extra.

(ii) Free days run from the date the container or cargo arrives at the port premises. Each storage rate applies to the days falling within its slab.

(iii) Equipment hire is charged per hour; a part of an hour is charged as a full hour.

(iv) Services are subject to availability of space and equipment, on a first-come, first-served basis.

(v) These rates shall be reviewed annually with reference to the WPI.

SCHEDULE – RATES FOR LOGISTICS PARTNERS OF KMB

A. Storage of laden containers (per container per day)

Container size	Days 1–7	Days 8–15 (Rs.)	Days 16–30 (Rs.)	Beyond day 30 (Rs.)
Up to 20 ft	Free	52	105	210
Above 20 ft, up to 40 ft	Free	80	155	310

B. Wharfage on laden containers (per container)

Container size	Coastal (Rs.)	Foreign (Rs.)
20 ft	735	1,220
40 ft	1,100	1,830

C. Lift-on / lift-off of laden containers (per container)

Container size	Coastal (Rs.)	Foreign (Rs.)
Up to 20 ft	326	1,227
Above 20 ft, up to 40 ft	490	1,840

D. Hire of cranes and handling equipment (per hour)

Equipment	Rate (Rs.)
Electric wharf crane, 3 tonne	545
Electric wharf crane, 5 tonne	862
Hydra 825, 25 tonne	1,470
Harbour mobile crane LHM 120	22,238
Reach stacker / 40 ft forklift	11,605
Forklift, 3 tonne (stuffing / de-stuffing)	475

E. Storage of cargo (per 10 m² per day)

Area	Days 1–3	Days 4–15 (Rs.)	Days 16–30 (Rs.)	Beyond day 30 (Rs.)
Godown	Free	26	40	65
Open area	Free	11	17	30
Open stacking yard	Free	8	11	20

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