

# PAKISTAN SOLAR ASSOCIATION (PSA)

## CIRCULAR – MEMBERS AT LARGE

**Subject: Urgent Facilitation for Containers Pending Customs Clearance – Submission of Cases by PSA Members**

Dear Members,

Pakistan Solar Association (PSA) is fully cognizant of the serious operational difficulties presently being faced by importers in the clearance and release of consignments at various ports and terminals.

Based upon the concerns reported by the industry, a significant number of consignments are being delayed after scanning, while containers selected for examination are, in several instances, taking multiple days merely to be grounded and presented for examination. At present, KICT is being reported as one of the principal choke points, although similar delays and operational constraints are also being experienced at other terminals.

These circumstances are causing considerable financial and operational hardship to importers, particularly because demurrage, detention and other consequential charges continue to accrue during periods in which the importer has little or no practical ability to expedite the process.

### Matter Taken Up with Customs

In view of the seriousness of the situation, PSA formally took up the matter with the concerned Customs Collectorate during a meeting held at 1:00 PM on 28 July 2026.

The meeting was attended by **31 participants**, including **Chief Collectors of Customs**, representatives of the **Shipping Association**, the **Shipping Agents Association**, and other relevant stakeholders.

Following detailed deliberations, it was agreed that Customs shall nominate/designate an officer **not below the rank of Deputy Collector (DC)** to serve as the focal person for coordination and to ensure the expeditious handling of cases requiring facilitation and intervention.

PSA welcomes this positive initiative and shall work closely with the designated officer to ensure that genuine cases submitted by its members are properly consolidated, communicated, and pursued with the concerned authorities.

The following PSA members represented the Association during the meeting:

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| MR. AADIL MEHMOOD | <i>S M SOLAR (PVT) LTD</i> |
| MR. AWAIS SHUJAH  | <i>M.A.S ENTERPRISES</i>   |
| MR. AHSAN FAISAL  | <i>MACO ENTERPRISES</i>    |

### Demurrage, Detention & Delays Beyond Importers' Control

PSA has particularly highlighted that an importer should not reasonably be subjected to continuing financial penalties for a period of delay demonstrably attributable to scanning, grounding, Customs examination, terminal congestion or other operational circumstances beyond the importer's control.

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Where an importer has completed the required documentation and fulfilled its regulatory obligations, but the container remains pending because of operational constraints within the clearance chain,

the resulting demurrage, detention and related financial exposure places an inequitable burden upon the importer.

A proposal for providing a reasonable grace period and/or waiver mechanism for such delays has therefore been raised. However, the relevant port/terminal operators and shipping lines have, thus far, not agreed to extend such relief.

PSA considers that this issue cannot sustainably be addressed by placing the entire financial consequence of systemic delays upon importers. A practical mechanism requires coordinated participation of Customs, port authorities, terminal operators, shipping lines and the importing community.

Accordingly, PSA shall continue to advocate for:

- Immediate measures to expedite scanning, grounding, examination and release of containers;
- Priority coordination for consignments facing abnormal or prolonged delays;
- Protection of importers from avoidable financial penalties arising from delays beyond their reasonable control;
- Introduction of a reasonable grace period for delays attributable to scanning, grounding, examination, congestion or other operational constraints; and
- Development of an appropriate waiver/relief mechanism for demurrage, detention and related charges in genuine cases where the importer is demonstrably not responsible for the delay.

### Submission of Pending Cases

All active PSA members whose consignments are presently pending clearance/release are advised to submit the following information at the earliest:

- Container Number(s);
- Concerned port/terminal;
- Copy of Goods Declaration (GD);
- Copy of Bill of Lading (BL);
- Vessel/arrival date;
- Number of days the consignment has remained pending;
- Present status of scanning, grounding and/or examination;
- Details of demurrage/detention, wherever applicable;
- Brief description of the issue/delay being faced; and
- Any relevant correspondence or supporting documentation.

### Mode of Submission

Members submitting their cases by email are requested to use the same subject as this circular: "Urgent Facilitation for Containers Pending Customs Clearance – Submission of Cases by PSA Members."

| Contact / Submission | Details                                                                                           |
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| Email Address        | info@pakistansolarassociation.org                                                                 |
| Attention            | Mr. Agha Mehdi Haider<br>Secretary General<br>Pakistan Solar Association (PSA)                    |
| Email Subject        | Urgent Facilitation for Containers Pending Customs Clearance – Submission of Cases by PSA Members |

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Hard-Copy Submission

Complete documentation may be submitted at the official address of Pakistan Solar Association (PSA), addressed to Mr. Agha Mehdi Haider, Secretary General.

Members are requested to ensure that submissions are complete and supported by the relevant GD, BL and other necessary documentation so that PSA may consolidate the cases and take them up through the appropriate coordination mechanism without avoidable delay.

### Membership Activation / Renewal

Members whose PSA membership is presently inactive, expired or pending renewal are advised to complete the requisite membership activation/renewal formalities at the earliest in order to avail themselves of this facilitation and other member-support initiatives being undertaken by the Association.

PSA remains committed to safeguarding the legitimate interests of its members and representing the collective concerns of Pakistan's solar industry before the relevant authorities and stakeholders. The Association shall continue to undertake all reasonable measures, representations and follow-up necessary to press for the expeditious clearance of pending consignments and a fair resolution of the financial consequences arising from delays beyond the reasonable control of importers.

Members are therefore requested to submit complete and accurate information promptly to enable PSA to pursue their cases effectively.

For and on behalf of  
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