

THE MAURITIUS FREEPORT

MANUAL FOR PREFERENTIAL PORT HANDLING CHARGES



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Definitions

Abbreviations	Term	Definition
CHCL	Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd	Company responsible for Handling of Cargo at the Port
CPC	Customs Procedure Code	Identification of import and export type
EDB	Economic Development Board	means “Economic Development Board” under the Economic Development Board Act of 2017;
FEU	Forty-foot equivalent unit	Refers to a container with internal dimensions of 40 feet long by 8 feet wide by 8 feet high;
FCL	Full Container Load	Goods occupy the entire container without having to share it with other merchandise;
FLS	Freeport Licensing System	Refers to the software used to apply / renew freeport Certificates, apply for preferential port handling charges;
LCL	Less Than Container Load	Refers to merchandise that does not occupy the entire container and that is shipped alongside other merchandise from other shippers in the same container;
MPA	Mauritius Port Authority	means the Mauritius Ports Authority established under the Ports Act;
	Operator / Declarants Freeport Operator	means a person duly issued with a freeport certificate to carry out one or more of the freeport activities specified in item 3 of the Second Schedule of the Freeport Act 2004;
TEU	Twenty-foot equivalent unit	Refers to a container with internal dimensions of 20 feet long by 8 feet wide by 8 feet high.



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Preface

This manual provides a guideline to Freeport Certificate holders who wish to apply for Freeport preferential port handling charges, hereinafter referred to as preferential charges, on goods imported into and re-exported from a Freeport zone by a Freeport Certificate holder. It describes the procedures to be followed for processing of applications and approval through the web-based application system as well as the obligations and responsibility of operators/declarants in the submission of applications thereof. This manual is mainly addressed to Freeport operators and their declarants. It may also be useful to shipping agents and port officers dealing with Freeport Certificate holders.

Preferential charges have been granted since 1994 by the Mauritius Port Authority (MPA) and Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd (CHCL) to Freeport operators as part of the overall incentive package to the Freeport sector.

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Scope

The scope of this manual is limited to the conditions, procedures and guidelines related to the web-based application system to benefit from preferential charges on Freeport containerized and bulk cargo.



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Eligibility for Preferential Port Handling Charges

Preferential charges are given to Freeport Certificate holders for Freeport containerized or bulk cargo imported by a vessel and exclusively meant for re-export. Preferential charges are also given on re-export of cars, fish and other general goods exclusively meant for re-export.

Preferential charges are not applicable for groupage cargo or cargo imported in LCL containers and goods sourced from Mauritius for subsequent export as well as manufacturing.



3.1 Conditions to benefit from Preferential Port Handling Charges (CHCL Shore handling charges and MPA quay fees)

Preferential charges will apply exclusively to holder of a valid Freeport Certificate. The conditions attached to benefit from preferential port handling charges are listed below:

- a) Freeport cargo imported by a Freeport Certificate holder from overseas and exclusively destined for re-export to overseas,
- b) Freeport goods imported/exported from overseas in containers or in bulk, provided that the whole consignment is re-exported to overseas, (Shore handling charges do not apply for goods imported in bulk for direct delivery on vehicles);
- c) Freeport goods which are re-exported constructively upon consent of chosen Third Party Freeport Developer i.e. Freeport cargo that remains within the Port terminal and re-exported therefrom,
- d) Freeport goods which are imported in one container and re-exported in another container provided the quantity and net weight of cargo imported remain unchanged,
- e) Freeport Goods imported in more than one container, unstuffed and re-shuffled in the same number of containers prior to re-exportation, whether in the same or different containers,
- f) Freeport Goods imported in bulk and re-exported in containers or vice versa however the whole consignment must be re-exported to overseas. (Shore handling charges do not apply for goods imported in bulk for direct delivery on vehicles);
- g) Only goods that have been granted preferential port handling charges at import in containers shall be eligible for preferential port handling charges at export.
- h) If goods imported from local market are mixed with Freeport goods imported from overseas and re-exported thereon, the Freeport operator shall not benefit from preferential port handling charges.
- i) Freeport goods imported in bulk and subsequently re-exported in containers shall benefit from preferential port handling charges at export only if an application is submitted at export and if the correct CPCs have been used at import and export.
- j) Only Freeport containers whose application have been submitted and approved through the web-based system shall benefit from preferential port handling charges.

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Preferential Rates applied by MPA and CHCL

4.1 Preferential Port Charges by MPA

The MPA provides a fee rebate on port handling charges to Freeport Certificate holders. As per the Port (Fees) Regulations 2008, the following apply:

Table 1: Port Handling Charges applied to Freeport Certificate Holders

	Normal Tariff (USD)		Freeport Tariff (USD)
Containers	1 TEU or Less	More that 1 TEU	1 TEU or Less
Full Containers	50	100	27
Empty Containers	19	38	11
General Cargo	2.44 per ton		2.00 per ton

The figures are subject to change by the MPA

4.2 Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd

The Cargo Handling Corporation (CHCL) provides a 50% rebate on shore charges to Freeport Licensees. Furthermore, preferential charges on out of gauge container, roll-on/roll-off and lift-on/lift-off vehicles also apply:

Table 2: CHCL charges for TEU and FEU Containers

	Container Type	Standard Charge (MUR)	Preferential Charge (MUR)
Laden Container	Per TEU	2,773	1,255
	More than 1 container	5,548	2,509

Source: Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd Tariff book 2017.

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Operating Procedure of Application for Preferential Port Handling Charges

5.1 Procedure for Full Container Load (FCL) containers at Import

After having successfully accessed the Freeport Licensing System, the Freeport Certificate holders will have access to the system upon activation of their account. Only Freeport operators who submit their application through the Freeport Licensing System shall benefit from preferential port handling charges.

The following procedure shall apply for Freeport Certificate holders applying for preferential port handling charges at import.

1. An account for each vessel will be opened through the Freeport Licensing for Preferential Port Handling Charges by the Freeport -Unit of the Economic Development Board 5 days prior vessel arrival ,that will be updated according to Daily Port Situation provided by MPA.
2. Application for preferential port handling charges must be made at latest one day prior to vessel's arrival. The date of vessel arrival shall be based on the port situation report of the MPA posted at <http://www.mauport.com>. The Freeport Certificate holder will not be able to submit an application on/after the date of vessel arrival.
3. The Freeport operator must access the Freeport Licensing System through <https://fls.edbmauritius.org>. to submit his application.
4. Upon submission the Freeport Certificate holder shall receive a message to inform him whether his application has been successfully submitted or not.
5. The Freeport Certificate holder shall be able to view all applications successfully submitted or applications in process (if the applications have not yet been submitted).
6. The submitted application is verified by the Freeport Department of the Economic Development Board and an automated email is sent to the Freeport Certificate holder to inform him whether his application has been approved or rejected and same is also sent to the shipping agents for information.
7. The EDB will approve freeport containers which are entitled to preferential port handling charges provided that the container is loaded or discharged on/from the vessel.

8. All approved applications are added to the vessel account based on Daily Port Situation from MPA and a list is being generated automatically from the Freeport Licensing System for each vessel.

9. In case of short shipped container(s) and whereby an application for preferential tariff has already been submitted, the Freeport Certificate holder must inform the Freeport Department of the Economic Development Board in writing and fresh application be made for the said container(s).

10. A final report is generated automatically from the Freeport Licensing System and is sent via email one day after vessel's departure to the Shipping agents, MPA & CHCL. The CHCL will verify the approved freeport containers and provide a list to EDB and MPA certifying that the containers have been loaded or discharged on/from the vessel.

11. The Freeport Certificate holder who have submitted an approved application for preferential at import must use the CPC 98508 or 98565 while submitting their customs declaration.

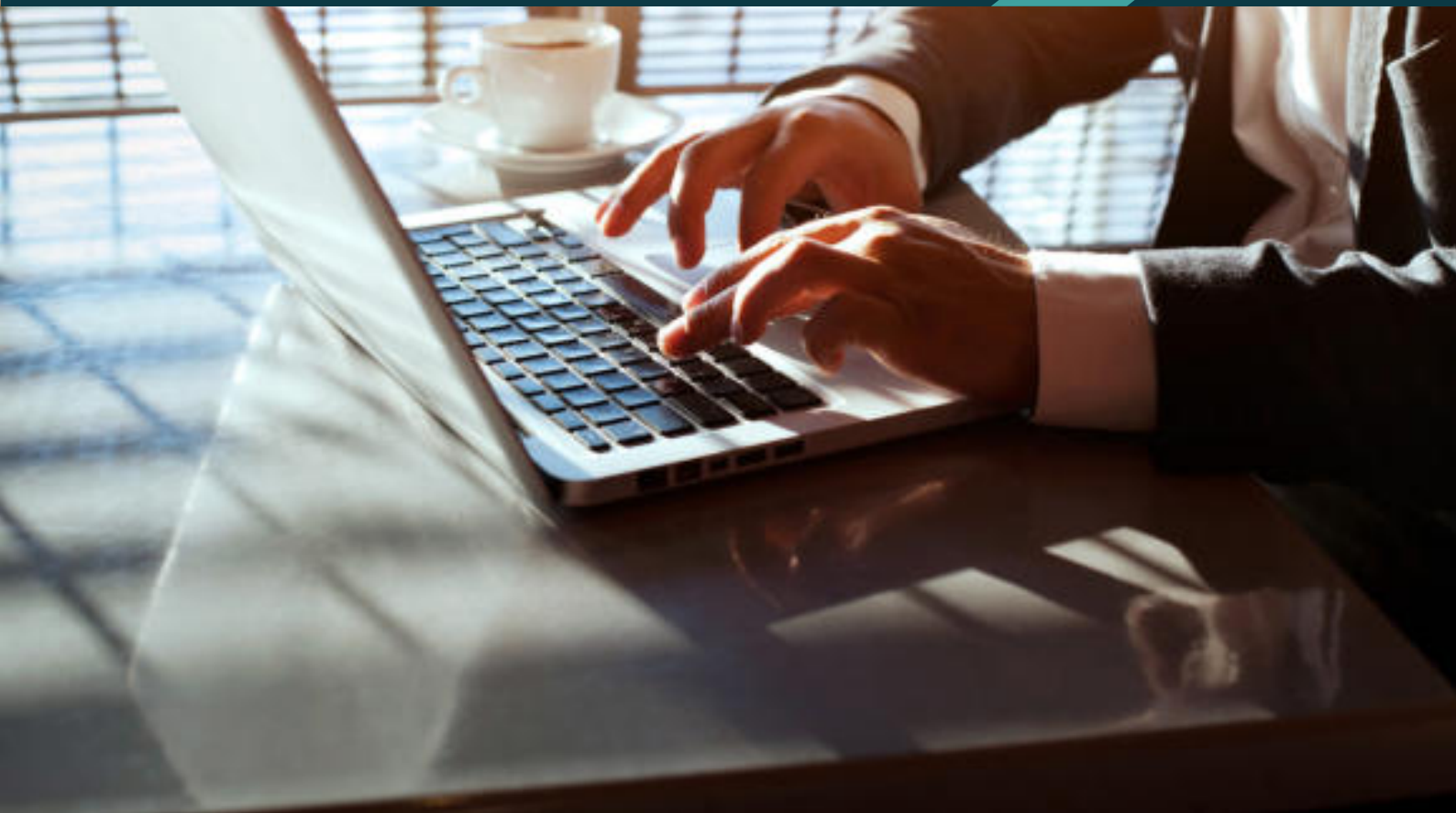


5.2 Procedure for Full Container Load (FCL) containers at Export

Preferential handling charges on FCL containers will be granted only to applications submitted one day prior to vessel's arrival.

The following procedure shall apply for Freeport certificate holders submitting an application for preferential port handling charges at export

1. An account for each vessel will be opened by the Freeport Department of the Economic Development Board 5 days prior vessel arrival.
2. Application for preferential port handling charges must be made at latest one day prior to vessel's arrival. The day of vessel arrival shall be based on the port situation report of the MPA posted at <http://www.mauport.com> . The Freeport Certificate will not be able to submit an application on/after the date of vessel arrival
3. The Freeport operator must access the Freeport Licensing System through <https://fls.edbmauritius.org/> to submit his application.
4. Upon submission the Freeport licensee shall receive a message to inform him whether his application has been successfully submitted or not.
5. The Freeport Certificate holder shall be able to view all applications successfully submitted or applications in process (if the applications have not yet been submitted).
6. The submitted application is verified by the Freeport Department of the Economic Development Board and an automated email is sent to the Freeport Certificate holder to inform him whether his application has been approved or rejected and same is also sent to the shipping agents for information.
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10. A final report is generated automatically from the Freeport Licensing System and is sent via email one day after vessel's departure to the Shipping agents, MPA & CHCL. The CHCL will verify the approved freeport containers and provide a list to EDB and MPA certifying that the containers have been loaded or discharged on/from the vessel.
11. The Freeport Certificate holder who have submitted an application for preferential at export must use the CPC 38508 or 38565 while submitting their Freeport declaration.



Online Application Process for Preferential Charges

The Freeport operators shall submit their electronic application for preferential port handling charges through the Freeport Licensing system (<https://fls.edbmauritius.org/>). The Freeport operators holding a valid Freeport Certificate will have access to a login and password to the Freeport Licensing System. The electronic applications for preferential port handling charges must be submitted one day prior to vessel's arrival. The following procedure should be strictly observed:

- a) Application should be submitted for each Bill of Lading at import;
- b) At export, application must be submitted for each Freeport declaration;
- c) Freeport operators shall continue to use the specific CPC code i.e 98508 & 98565 for import and 38508 & 38565 for export when submitting the Freeport declarations to benefit from preferential port handling charges

6.1 Registration

To submit applications for preferential port charges, Freeport Certificate holders should hold a valid Freeport Certificate issued by the Economic Development Board. The following procedures are to be observed:

a) A unique access to the Freeport Licensing system is provided to each Freeport Operator, Third-Party Freeport Developer and Private Freeport Developer through <https://fls.edbmauritius.org> with a login and password at time of new and renewal of application for Freeport Certificate.

Note: It is recommended that a Freeport Operator signs an agreement with any Third-Party (Third-Party Developer, consultancy firm, management company amongst others) using their Log in and Password.

b) An automated email is sent through the Freeport Licensing System of the Economic Development Board confirming the registered login and password.

c) The Freeport Certificate holder must access the Freeport Licensing System with its registered login and password to submit its application for preferential port handling charges.



6.2 Accessing the online application form for preferential charges

Step 1. The Freeport Certificate holder must access the Freeport Licensing System through <https://fls.edbmauritius.org/>.

Step 2. The menu as shown in Figure 1 will appear. Insert the registered login and password to activate your account.

The screenshot shows the 'Freeport Licensing System' menu. At the top, it states 'New charges applicable for Freeport annual fees as per Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2013 which amends the Freeport Act'. Below this, it lists 'FOURTH SCHEDULE (Section 9(b)) and THIRD SCHEDULE (Section 11)'. A table titled 'Amounts by activity' shows fees for different categories. On the right, there is a 'Login' form with fields for 'Registration Code', 'Login Name', and 'Password', along with a 'Login' button and a 'New User' link.

Activity	Description	Amounts by activity	
		within the due date	after the due date
1. Freeport certificate as a private Freeport developer	With the right to apply for the Freeport activities specified in item 1 of the Fourth Schedule	200,000	300,000
2. Freeport certificate as a third party Freeport developer	With the right to apply for the Freeport activities specified in item 2 of the Fourth Schedule	200,000	300,000
3. Freeport certificate as a Freeport operator	With the right to submit and carry out most of the Freeport activities specified in item 3 of the Fourth Schedule	20,000	20,000
4. Authorization to a Freeport's Freeport developer to provide warehousing facilities under section 10(2)(a) - to be submitted by Third Party Freeport Developer	With the right to provide warehousing facilities for storage of goods in accordance with the Fourth Schedule	2,000,000* enterprise	4,000,000* enterprise

Figure 1: Access to FLS Menu Screen

Step 3. The application form through the Freeport Licensing System, as shown in Figure 2, will appear. Select from the dashboard “Preferential Port Handling Charges”.

The screenshot shows the 'Freeport Licensing System' application form. At the top, it displays the 'Economic Development Board Mauritius' logo and the 'FREEPORT LICENSING SYSTEM' header. Below the header, there is a 'Welcome user!' message and a 'Log Out' link. A 'PAYMENT NOTE' section provides information about payment methods. A 'Documents' section lists available documents for download. A navigation menu at the bottom includes 'FREEPORT CERTIFICATE', 'GLOBAL TRADING', 'STORAGE PERMIT', and 'PREFERENTIAL PORT HANDLING CHARGES'. The main content area is titled 'FREEPORT CERTIFICATE' and includes an 'Annual Fee (Operator - MUR 20,000 and Developer - MUR 200,000)' and a link to 'View the list of Freeport activities as per Second Schedule'. A note at the bottom states 'To Submit your application, click on the category as below:'.

Figure 2: Access to FLS Application form

Step 4. The application form for Preferential Port Handling Charges for Import and Export as shown in Figure 3 will appear. The applicant can also view the status of its applications in the tables below. In case "Pending, Not Yet Submitted", click on the link and submit the application.

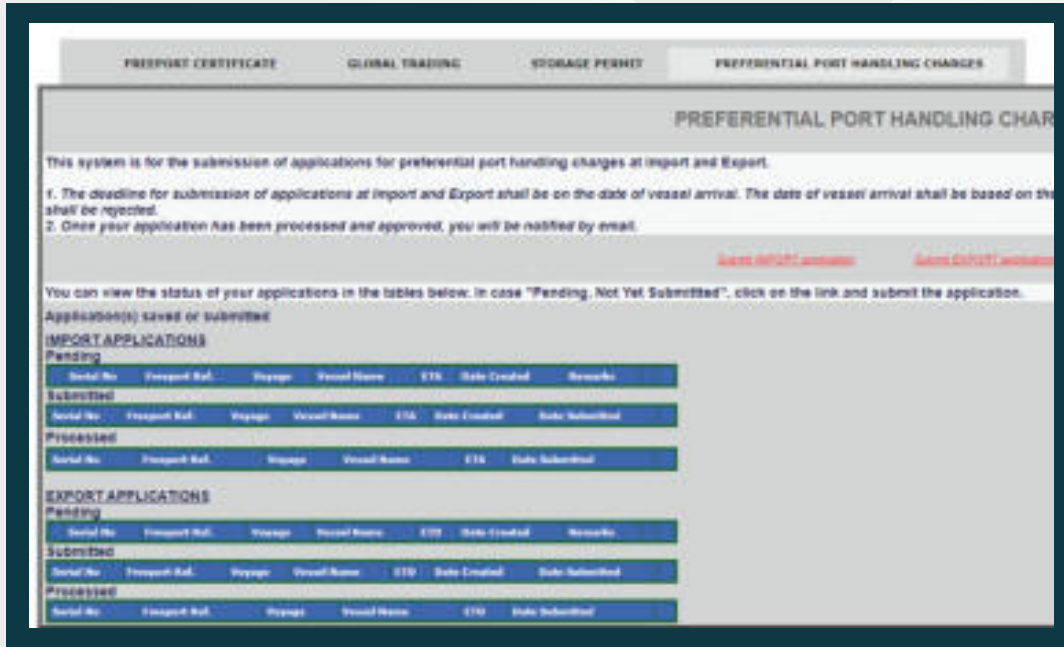


Figure 3: Access to FLS Application form for Preferential Port Handling

The full instructions on how to submit import and export application for Freeport containers to benefit from Preferential Port Handling Charges are shown in the following sections.

6.3 How to submit an application at import

Step 1. The Freeport Certificate holder must access the Freeport Licensing System through <https://fls.edbmauritius.org/>

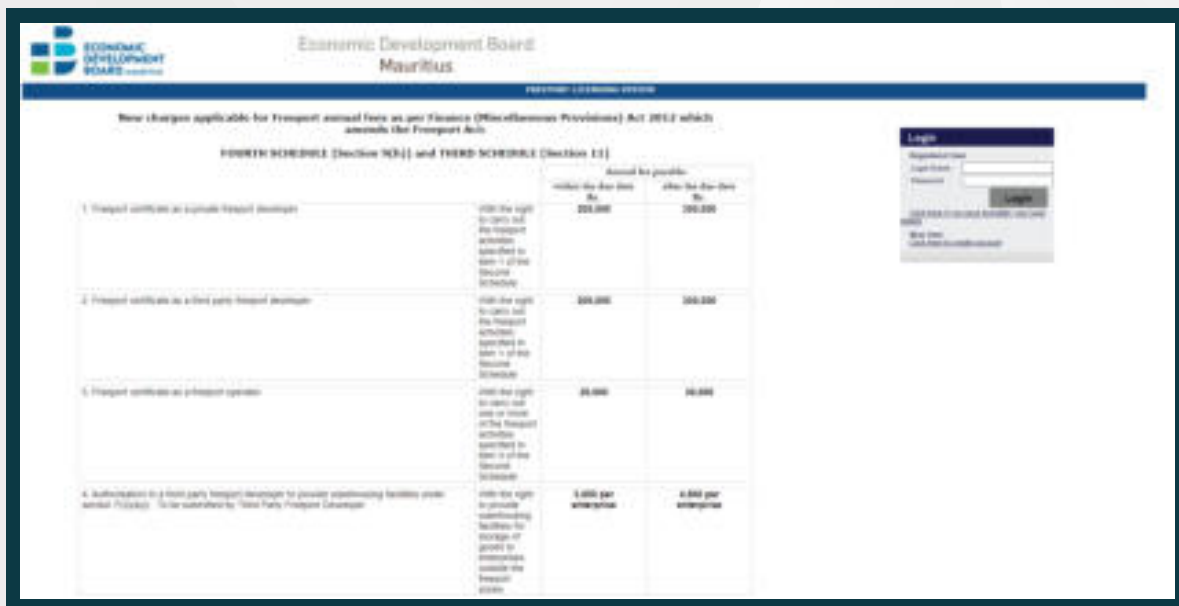


Figure 4: Import Application Sign In to the Freeport Licensing System

Step 2. Insert the registered login and password to activate your account.

Step 3. The user application form for Freeport Licensing System as shown below shall appear. Select from the dashboard “Preferential Port Handling Charges”.

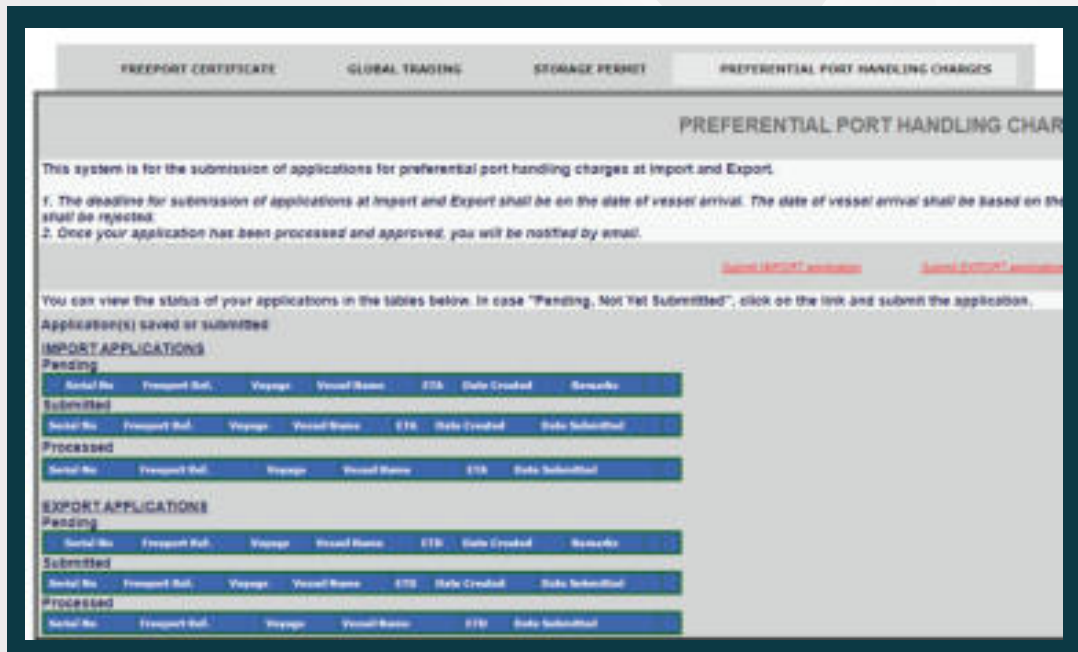


Figure 5: Import Application Preferential Charges

Step 4. Click on “Submit Import Application” as shown below:

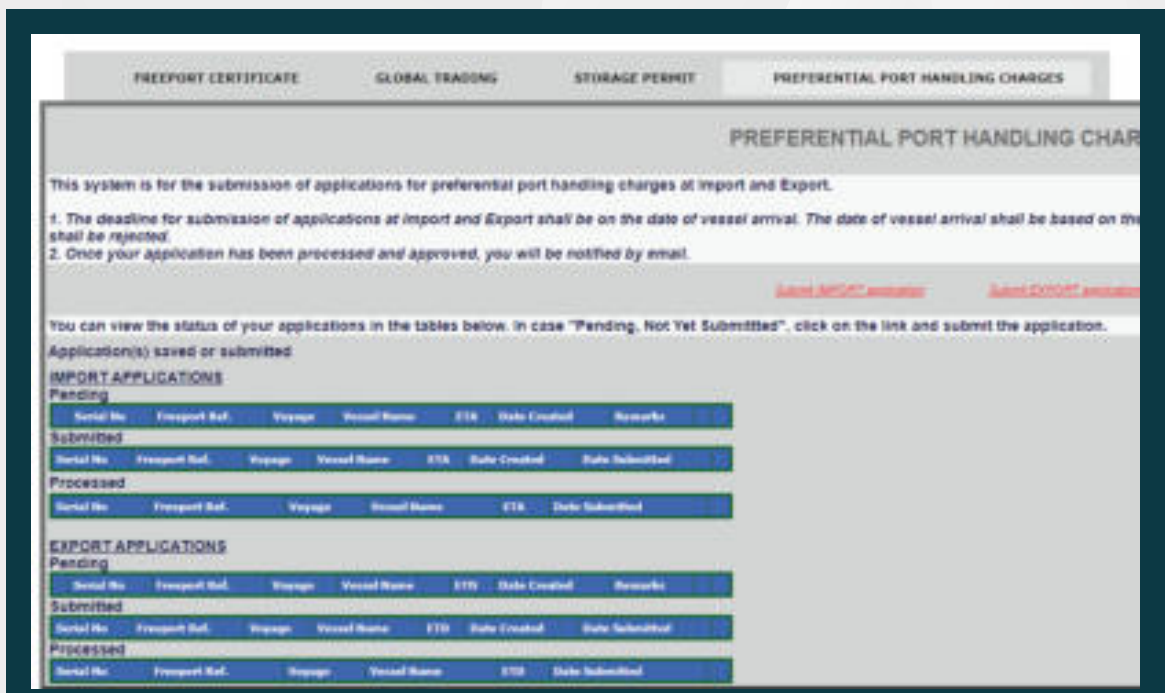


Figure 6: Import Application Submit Application Screen

Step 5. The Import application form will appear as follows:

Figure 7: Import Application Import Preferential Charges Application form

The following steps should be completed in Step 5 for import, to continue further:

- Select the Freeport Certificate Reference number from the drop-down list. Select
- the Vessel name and Voyage number from the drop-down list.
- Enter the Bill of Lading Number Specify the shipping agent and Click on NEXT to proceed to the next step.

Step 6. Upon access the second screen, the applicant must enter the container number specifying the container type, size and net weight of cargo in kgs, and Click on the (Add+) button.

Figure 8: Import Application Import Cargo Details

The following steps must be completed in Step 6, to continue further:

- For additional containers, repeat the step 6 above.
- For the submission of the import application, click on the submit button.

Additional information for step 6:

- To modify details of a container that has been added click on “SELECT”. The details information of the container will appear as follows:

The screenshot shows a web interface for managing import applications. At the top, there are fields for 'IMPORT APPLICATION No.', 'DATE', 'BILL OF LADING NO.', and 'STATUS'. Below these are fields for 'VESSEL NAME & VOYAGE NO.' and 'SHIPPING AGENT'. The main form contains input fields for 'Container No.', 'Container Type' (a dropdown menu), 'Container Size' (a dropdown menu), 'Net Weight (Kgs)', and a text area for 'Remarks'. An 'Add' button is located below the 'Remarks' field. Below the form is a table with columns: 'Container No.', 'Type', 'Size(R)', 'Net Weight (Kgs)', and 'Remarks'. Each row in the table has a 'Select' button. At the bottom of the interface are three buttons: 'EXIT' (red), 'Delete' (red), and 'Submit' (yellow). On the right side, there is a 'Step 2' instruction panel with a list of steps:

- ❖ Enter the container number specifying the container type, size and net weight of cargo in kgs. Click on the add button.
- ❖ For additional containers, repeat the step above.
- ❖ To modify a container that has been added, click on the SELECT button. To save changes, click on the UPDATE button. To delete a container click on the blue DELETE button.
- ❖ If the deadline for submission has expired, click on the red DELETE button to discard the application.
- ❖ For the submission of the application, click on the submit button.

Figure 9: Import Application Details modifications

- To save changes click on the blue “UPDATE” button
- To delete a container click on the blue “DELETE” button.
- To discard changes click on the orange “Cancel” button.
- To discard an application click on the red “DELETE” button.
- To submit the application click on “SUBMIT”

DECLARATION BY FREEPORT OPERATOR

I/ _____ hereby declare that the particulars entered below are true and correct.

IMPORT APPLICATION No.	26107	DATE: 12/02/21
BILL OF LADING NO.:	010201	
VESSEL NAME AND VOYAGE NO.:	CAP CARMEL - IMP1045EXP100N	

CONTAINER NO.	TYPE	SIZE(FT)	NET WEIGHT (KG)	REMARKS

Figure 10: Import Application Submission

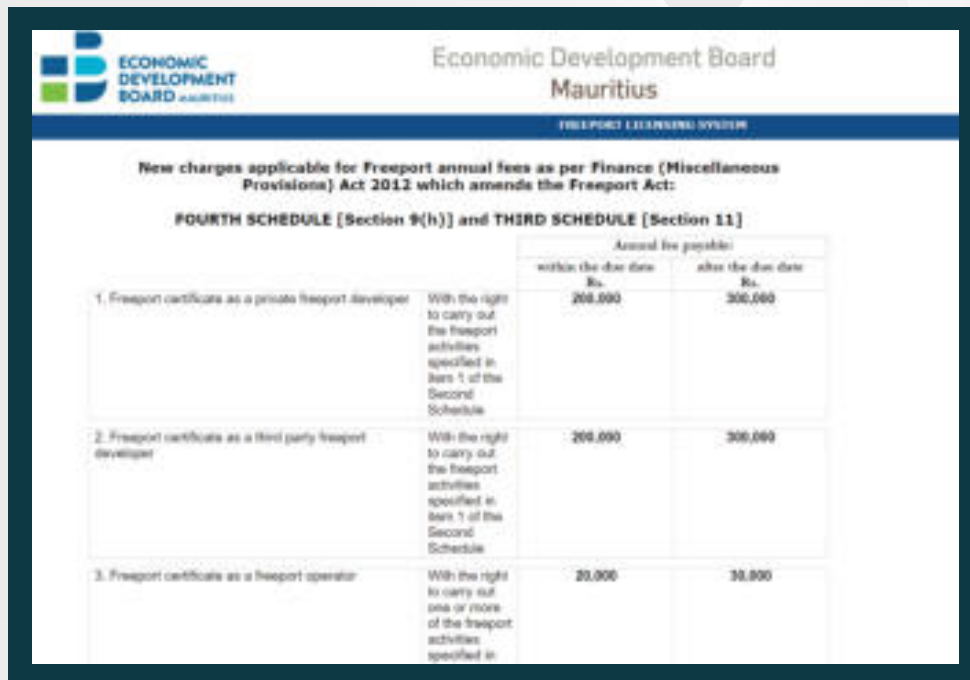
Step 7. Verify whether all information inserted are true and correct and click on the green “SUBMIT NOW” button.

Upon submission, the Freeport Certificate holder shall receive a message stating whether the Import application has been successfully submitted or not.

6.4 How to submit an application at export

Step 1. The Freeport Certificate holder must access the Freeport Licensing System through <https://fls.edbmauritius.org/>

Step 2. The menu as shown below will appear. Insert the registered login and password to activate your account.



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FREEPORT LICENSING SYSTEM

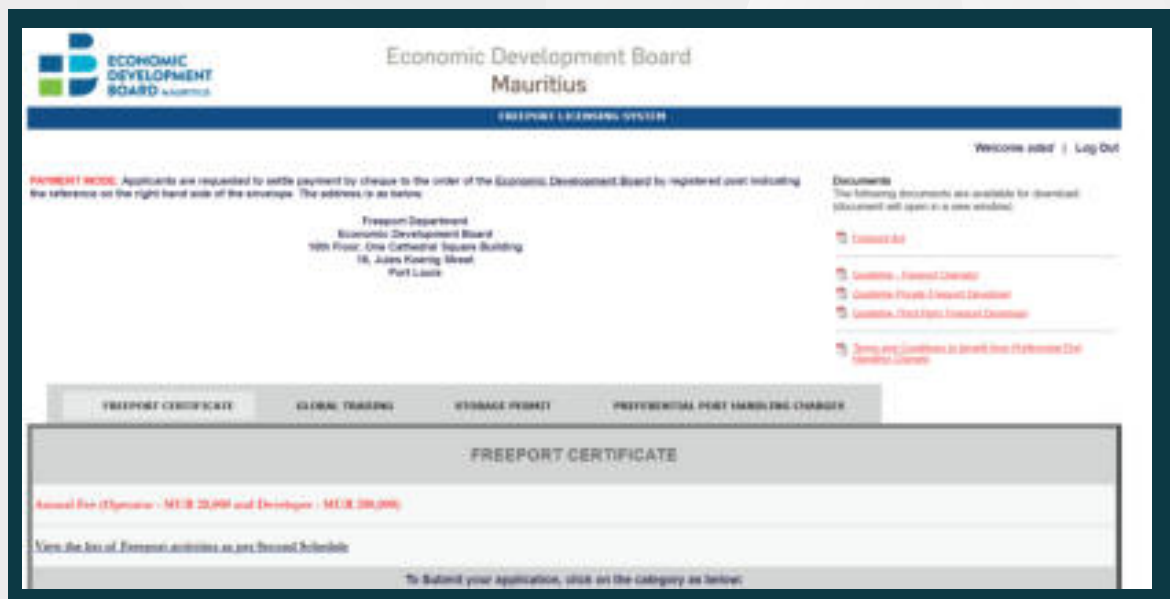
New charges applicable for Freeport annual fees as per Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2012 which amends the Freeport Act:

FOURTH SCHEDULE [Section 9(h)] and THIRD SCHEDULE [Section 11]

		Amount fee payable:	
		within the due date	after the due date
		Rs.	Rs.
1. Freeport certificate as a private freeport developer	With the right to carry out the freeport activities specified in item 1 of the Second Schedule	200,000	300,000
2. Freeport certificate as a third party freeport developer	With the right to carry out the freeport activities specified in item 1 of the Second Schedule	200,000	300,000
3. Freeport certificate as a freeport operator	With the right to carry out one or more of the freeport activities specified in	20,000	30,000

Figure 11: Export Application Sign In to the Freeport Licensing System

Step 3. The user application form for Freeport Licensing System as shown below shall appear. Select from the dashboard “Preferential Port Handling Charges”.



Economic Development Board Mauritius
FREEPORT LICENSING SYSTEM

Welcome user | Log Out

PAYMENT MODE: Applicants are requested to settle payment by cheque to the order of the Economic Development Board by registered user indicating the reference on the right hand side of the envelope. The address is as below:

Freeport Department
Economic Development Board
10th Floor, One Cathedral Square Building
10, Jules Koenig Street
Port Louis

Documents
The following documents are available for download:
(document will open in a new window)

- Download
- License - Freeport Operator
- License Private & Import Developer
- License Third Party Freeport Developer
- Download License to Import from Offshore Oil Platform License

TREEPORT CERTIFICATE GLOBAL TRADING STORAGE PERMIT PREFERENTIAL PORT HANDLING CHARGES

FREEPORT CERTIFICATE

Annual Fee (Operator) - MUR 20,000 and Developer - MUR 200,000

View the list of Freeport activities as per Second Schedule

To Submit your application, click on the category as below:

Figure 12: Export Application Preferential Port Handling Charges

Step 4. Click on the link “Submit Export Application” as shown in Figure 13.

The screenshot shows a web interface for submitting export applications. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'FREIGHT CERTIFICATE', 'GLOBAL TRADING', 'STORAGE PERMIT', and 'PREFERENTIAL PORT HANDLING CHARGES'. The main heading is 'PREFERENTIAL PORT HANDLING CHARGES'. Below this, there is a brief introduction and two numbered instructions regarding submission deadlines and email notifications. There are two red buttons labeled 'Submit EXPORT application'. A section titled 'Applications saved or submitted' contains three tables: 'IMPORT APPLICATIONS' with sub-sections 'Pending', 'Submitted', and 'Processed'; and 'EXPORT APPLICATIONS' with sub-sections 'Pending', 'Submitted', and 'Processed'. Each table has columns for Serial No., Freight Ref., Vessel, Vessel Name, ETA, Date Created, and Remarks.

Figure 13: Export Application Submit Application Form

Step 5. The Export application form will appear as follows:

The screenshot displays the 'Export Application' form within the 'FREEPORT LICENSING SYSTEM'. The header includes the 'Economic Development Board Mauritius' logo. The form fields are: 'Freight Certificate Ref.' (dropdown menu), 'Vessel Name and Voyage No.' (dropdown menu), 'Expected Date of Departure' (text input), 'Customs Declaration No. (BOE No.)' (text input), and 'Shipping Agent' (dropdown menu). There are 'Next' and 'Cancel' buttons. On the right, a 'Step 1' sidebar contains instructions: 'Select the Vessel name and Voyage number from the drop down list.', 'Enter the Customs Declaration Number.', 'Specify your shipping agent and Click on NEXT to proceed to the next step.', and 'Please note that one application must be submitted as per customs declaration.'

Figure 14: : Export Application Export Preferential Port Handling Charges Application form

The following steps should be completed in Step 5 for export, to continue further:

- Select the Vessel name and Voyage number from the drop-down list.
- Enter the Customs Declaration Number.
- Specify your shipping agent and Click on the “NEXT” button to proceed further.
- Please note that one application must be submitted as per customs declaration.

EXPORT APPLICATION No. DATE: 11/17/11

EXPORT DECLARATION NO. 11111111111111111111

WHSOL NAME & ADDRESS NO. 11111111111111111111

SHIPPING AGENT

Container No.

Container Type:

Container Size:

Net Weight (Kgs)

Application Nos. at Import

ADD

Container No.	Type	NetWt	Applications at Import

EXIT **Delete** **Submit**

Step 2

- Enter the container number (include only alphanumeric values) **DO NOT include 01**, specifying the container type, net and net weight of cargo in kgs. Please quote application number(s) at Import or previous container Deduction number(s). Then, Click on the ADD button.
- For additional containers, repeat the step above.
- To modify a container that has been added, click on the SELECT button. To save changes, click on the UPDATE button. To delete a container, click on the DELETE button.
- If the deadline for submission has expired, click on the red DELETE button to discard the application.
- For the submission of the application, click on the submit button.

Figure 15: Export Application Details

The following steps should be completed in Step 6, to continue further:

- For additional containers, repeat the step 6 above.
- For the submission of the export application, click on the “SUBMIT” button.

Additional information for step 6:

- To modify details of a container that has been added click on the “SELECT” button. The details information of the container will appear as follows:

EXPORT APPLICATION No. DATE: 11/17/11

EXPORT DECLARATION NO. 11111111111111111111

WHSOL NAME & ADDRESS NO. 11111111111111111111

SHIPPING AGENT

Container No.

Container Type:

Container Size:

Net Weight (Kgs)

Application Nos. at Import

UPDATE **DELETE** **Cancel**

Container No.	Type	NetWt	Applications at Import

SELECT **Select**

EXIT **Delete** **Submit**

Step 2

- Enter the container number (include only alphanumeric values) **DO NOT include 01**, specifying the container type, net and net weight of cargo in kgs. Please quote application number(s) at Import or previous container Deduction number(s). Then, Click on the ADD button.
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- To modify a container that has been added, click on the SELECT button. To save changes, click on the UPDATE button. To delete a container, click on the DELETE button.
- If the deadline for submission has expired, click on the red DELETE button to discard the application.
- For the submission of the application, click on the submit button.

Figure 16: Export Application Details modifications

- To save changes click on the blue “UPDATE” button
- To delete a container, click on the blue “DELETE” button
- To discard an application, click on the red “DELETE” button
- To submit the application, click on “SUBMIT”

DECLARATION BY FREEPORT OPERATOR

I/ _____, hereby declare that the particulars entered below are true and correct.

EXPORT APPLICATION No.	30226	DATE: 1/20/2021
CUSTOMS DECLARATION NO. (BOE No.):	32021011004	
VESSEL NAME & VOYAGE NO.:	NORO - 0MT5AE1MA	

CONTAINER NO.	TYPE	SIZE(FT)	NET WEIGHT (KG)	Import Application Nos.

Figure 17: Export Application Submission

Step 7. Verify whether all information inserted are true and correct and click on the green “SUBMIT NOW” button.

After submission of the application, the Freeport Certificate holder will receive a message stating whether the Export application has been successfully submitted or not.



Consideration of Applications

7.1 Approval of applications

All applications submitted shall be processed by the Freeport Dept of the Economic Development Board. Only applications submitted through the FLS shall be considered for approval and these applications should be comply with the conditions for benefiting from preferential port handling charges mentioned in Section 3. The Freeport Certificate holder shall receive an automated email to inform the applicant and the chosen shipping agents that the application submitted by the Freeport Certificate holder has been approved by the Freeport Dept of the Economic Development Board. The freeport containers listed through the email approval are entitled to preferential port handling charges provided that the container is loaded or discharged on/from the vessel.

The shipping agents shall grant preferential tariff based on the approved reports sent by the Freeport Dept of the Economic Development Board. All approved applications are then consolidated per vessel and the list is sent by email to the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd, the Mauritius Ports Authority and the respective shipping agent within one working day of the vessel departure. The date of departure shall be based on the port situation report of the MPA posted at <http://www.mauport.com>.

The Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd will verify from their records whether all approved containers entitled to preferential port handling charges have been loaded or discharged on/from the vessel and send a report to MPA and EDB.

The automated email approval for import and export containers entitled to preferential port handling charges is as follows:

Your Application (No. 349) for preferential port handling charges at Import has been processed by the Freeport Dept - Economic Development Board.

Please view the list of container(s) that have been processed below :

BILL OF LADING No.:	No.	IMPORT APPLICATION No.:	No.
VESSEL AND VOYAGE No.:	No.	DATE SUBMITTED:	Date
ETA:	Date	DATE PROCESSED:	Date
ETD:	Date	PROCESSED BY:	Initial

List of APPROVED Containers :

CONTAINER No.	TYPE	Size(Ft)	NET WEIGHT(KG)
	General Purpose Container (Dry)	20	39

Figure 18: Automated approval email for import and export containers entitled to preferential charges

The freeport containers listed above are entitled to preferential port handling charges provided that the container is loaded or discharged on/from the vessel. In case a Freeport Certificate holder has not received the email approval from the Economic Development Board, the applicant may take delivery of his container upon payment of the full amount to the shipping agents.

7.2 Rejected Applications

If an application is partially or completely rejected, the Freeport operator shall receive an email detailing which of the containers have been approved and rejected for preferential charges. In the case whereby a Freeport Certificate holder decides to reapply for preferential charges for rejected containers, he must:

- In the case where all containers have been rejected, submit a new application detailing only the rejected containers for which he wishes to reapply.
- In the case of a partial rejection whereby some containers have been approved for preferential charges and others rejected, the Freeport Certificate holder shall resubmit an application detailing only the rejected containers for which he wishes to reapply. The automated rejection email for import and export containers denied preferential port handling charges is as follows:

Your Application (No. 301) for preferential port handling charges at Export has been processed by the Economic Development Board.

Please view the list of container(s) that have been processed below:

FREEPORT DECLARATION No.:	No.	EXPORT APPLICATION No.:	No
VESSEL AND VOYAGE No.:	No.	DATE SUBMITTED:	Date
ETA:	Date	DATE PROCESSED:	Date
ETD:	Date	PROCESSED BY:	Initial

List of APPROVED Containers :

CONTAINER No.	TYPE	Size(Ft)	NET WEIGHT(KG)
	General Purpose Container (Dry)	40	25
	General Purpose Container (Dry)	20	50
	General Purpose Container (Dry)	40	28

List of REJECTED Containers :

CONTAINER No.	TYPE	Size(Ft)	NET WEIGHT(KG)
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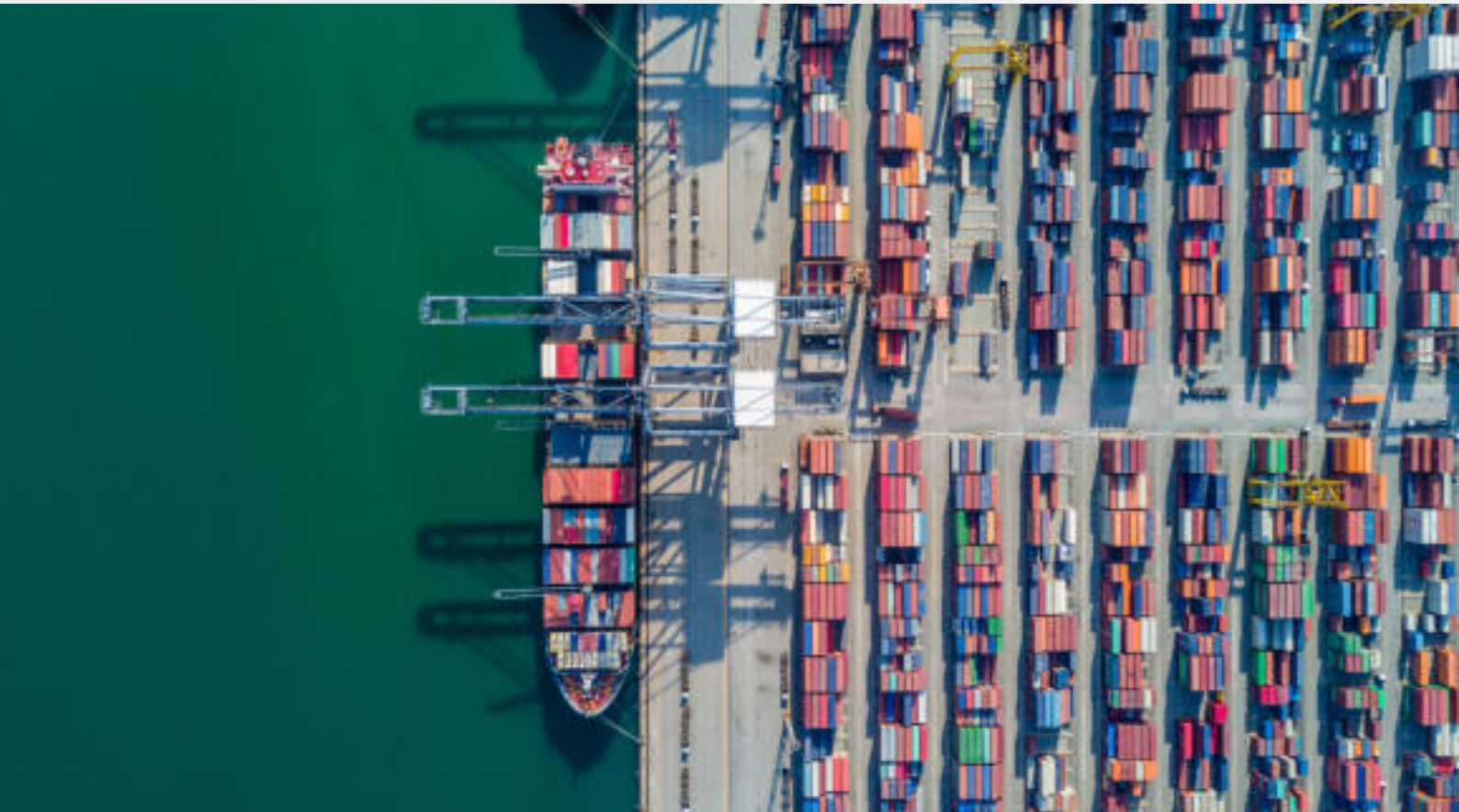
Figure 19: Automated rejection email for preferential charges for import and export containers

The freeport containers listed above are entitled to preferential port handling charges provided that the container is loaded or discharged on/from the vessel.



Responsibility of the Freeport operator and/or his declarant

The Freeport operators shall submit an application only for transactions which meet the conditions for preferential port handling charges. Any Freeport operator who submits, to the Freeport Department of the Economic Development Board, any application which is incorrect or false in any material shall commit an offence. Therefore, it is the duty and responsibility of the operator and/or his declarant to ensure that the applications submitted are eligible for preferential port handling charges and the correct CPCs are used while submitting their Freeport declarations.





Monitoring against non-compliance by the Freeport Dept of the Economic Development Board

All applications submitted for preferential port handling charges shall be verified and approved by the Freeport Department of the Economic Development Board. The verification process will ensure all the applications are submitted by eligible operators which are permitted from benefiting from the Preferential Port Handling Charges. This will also prevent the MPA and CHCL from being unduly penalized.

The Freeport Department of the Economic Development Board will apply the measures presented in Table 3 in case of non-compliance:

Table 3: Non-compliance consequences

	Degree of non-compliance	Action by Freeport Department of the Economic Development Board
1.	1st Time non - compliant	Warning + payment of full tariff to CHCL and MPA
2.	2nd Time non - compliant	Non-eligibility to preferential tariff for a period of 3 months + payment of full tariff to CHCL and MPA CMS notified
3.	3rd Time non - compliant	Indefinite cancellation of benefit + payment of full tariff to CHCL and MPA + possible revocation of Freeport Certificate by the EDB

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Refund to MPA and CHCL

The Freeport Dept of the Economic Development Board shall ensure that the refunds are made to the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd and the Mauritius Ports Authority in case of noncompliance. The Freeport Certificate holder shall be issued with a letter from Economic Development Board with copy to CHCL and MPA requesting the Freeport Certificate holder to make the refund within 2 weeks from the day of issue of the letter. The Freeport Certificate holder shall refund directly at the Cash Office of the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd and the Billing Section, Finance Department of the Mauritius Ports Authority, situated at their respective head offices.





In the event you require any assistance for the submission of your application for Preferential Port Handling charges, you are invited to contact the EDB Freeport team as follows:



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