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### MEASURES TO OVERCOME CONGESTION AT KLANG PORT

In view of the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, most major ports, include Port Klang is experiencing congestion due to the increase in the number of ships, the arrival of ships simultaneously due to delays in previous ports as well as the increase in the handling of containers at the port since November 2020.

Due to this congestion, the waiting time for ships to dock at the pier is three to four days instead of 24 hours before arriving at Port Container yard.

In view of the above, the following steps have been taken:

- i. Anchoring preference is given to vessels with the number of containers loading more than the amount of discharge so the number of containers in the storage yard can be reduced
- ii. Westport has created additional space for container storage including reefer containers with power supply facilities since 28 December 2020
- iii. The Royal Malaysian Customs Department has set up a special counter to process reefer containers and perishable items goods as well as have increased the number of officers/staff for endorse Form K1 to facilitate the release of reefer containers
- iv. The Department of Quarantine and Inspection Services Malaysia has increased the number of officers/staff to increase reefer container inspection rate as well as accelerate its release process.

In this regard, [Port Klang Authorities](#) have instructed Consignees to expedite the process of container retrieval within 24 hours after the gate pass is issued and all approvals from Royal Malaysian Customs Department and the Department of Quarantine and Inspection Services Malaysia obtained so that more reefer containers with 'hold' status can be inspected and prevent Terminal areas from being used as a storage areas.

It is also informed that the additional free storage time for container storage effective 1 July 2020 expired on 31 December 2020.

Thank you.

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