

Via Email

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## URGENT

Dear Customer

### **New UK Border Controls**

You will recall that I wrote to you on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024, outlining the UK Government's latest position with regards to the introduction of documentary, risk-based identity and physical checks on certain commodities deemed to present a medium to high risk to the UK. Checks will take place at UK Ports, including a number operated by ABP.

We committed to provide as much information as possible at the time and whilst it is regrettable that the information has taken months to be finalised by the UK Government, ABP is now able to communicate more detail to our customers.

ABP has constructed two Border Control Posts, at Hull and Immingham, which meet the high degree of specification required by the statutory bodies that will be operating within them. Unlike many other ports, Trading Standards, Food Standards Agency, Forestry Commission & Border Force will also be accommodated alongside Port Health and Animal Plant Health Authority (**APHA**), in these facilities. All BCP's will be staffed by Government inspectors undertaking checks and inspections; ABP staff will manage the facility on behalf of the various statutory bodies.

In order to recover our expenditure and the considerable ongoing running costs and maintenance of these facilities, we will be introducing a new Port BCP Infrastructure charge as outlined below:

- From the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, all import laden containers and trailers (of any type) will be levied a charge of £12.72 per unit.
- The charge will be reviewed annually, considering laden container and trailer volumes, and associated running costs of the two facilities.
- Additional charges, as may be applicable, are shown below. This is not an exhaustive list, and ABP reserve the right to review on a case-by-case basis.

<b>Operation / Service if required</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Charge + VAT</b>
ABP Operations shunting	Shunting to and from BCP (HCT/ICT)	Please contact the terminals or your commercial contact directly to obtain current charges
Full Restow (Trailer / Container)	Includes labour & consumables	£190.60
HandBall (Trailer / Container)	Includes labour & consumables	£690.48
Rework ( Per Pallet )	Includes labour & consumables	£ 54.29

All other waste and / or ancillary charges will be dealt with on an as required basis, applied by the relevant statutory body, Port Health or APHA.

These additional charges will be levied by **MCP Destin 8** to the nominated agent or '**Declarant**' <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-an-import-declaration-in-your-records> and will be due for payment within 28 days of invoice.

Unfortunately, failure to comply will result in future cargo being excluded from our Ports.

ABP has no liability for loss or damage of cargo, container, or trailer whilst inspections are carried out within the BCP.

There are some subtle changes to the charging process dependent upon users of **GVMS** (please follow this link for more information) , <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-for-the-goods-vehicle-movement-service> ; however applicable charges will still apply, as will payment terms.

Please refer to my letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> February for additional details regarding BCP locations and contact details, together with links to UK Government websites that contain updated information.

**Important points to remember:**

- All goods must be fully cleared to enter free circulation by all relevant Government authorities before they leave our Ports – there can be severe statutory penalties for wrongly allowing goods to enter free circulation, including failure to attend a BCP if required to do so.
- If your cargo is called to the BCP, it must be presented at the BCP before leaving the port location – this may involve documentary checks and/or physical inspection of cargo. It is advisable to inform your haulier that there may be a delay whilst checks and/or inspections are being undertaken.
- In some cases, a third party will make arrangements to present the cargo at the relevant BCP; it is vitally important you ensure this happens, as ABP has no responsibility or liability in this regard.
- Some ABP BCP's can only be accessed using public highways – you must ensure that all haulage vehicles are road-legal at these locations.
- BCP opening times are 06.00 – 22.00, 7 days a week, at the Port of Hull & Immingham.
- Border Force may decide to operate different hours. Please contact them directly, using the contact details as per our letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.
- ABP's ports do not support the use of Goods Vehicle Movement Service (GVMS) notifications – this is because ABP's ports operate under the Temporary Storage Model.

Whilst we regret the implementation of this process we are obliged to adhere to the regulations and, in turn, ask our valued customers to do so as well.

Yours faithfully



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