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## **Deferment for the Increment of Container Tariffs at Port Klang**

The Malaysian National Shippers' Council (MNSC) applaud the move made by the Government Port Klang's container tariffs increment of 15% on September 1, 2018 to March 1, 2019.

The deferment provides shippers and port users more time to adapt and stabilise their operations until the next increment on March 1, 2019 and after the sales and service tax comes into effect on September 1, 2018.

MNSC believed that the move will assist to reduce to cost of doing business and will assist manufacturers and shippers to remain competitive especially with the current economic conditions

While we appreciate the deferment of the increase in Port Klang's container tariffs, MNSC hopes that the move would not justify for shipping lines to abuse the increment toward the shippers after March 1, 2019. MNSC urges for the tariffs at ports including the off-dock depots to be monitored and any increment should be justified to the stakeholders.

MNSC welcomes continued close consultation and hopes to meet up with the Ministry of Transport and Port Klang Authority on the way forward to secure a win-win solution.

### **About MNSC**

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