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**Intra-Asia Shipping lines collect “Port Congestion Surcharge”
from HK Shippers**

Starting 19 October 2014, Intra-Asia shipping lines are collecting a “Port Congestion Surcharge” on shippers importing into and exporting from Hong Kong. The Surcharges are set at US\$50 per 20’ and US\$100 per 40’.

As the Surcharge is unjustifiable and unreasonable, the Hong Kong Shippers Council, of which FHKI is a founding member, objects the Surcharge strongly, and has written to the Intra-Asia Shipping lines individually to rescind the levy immediately.

The collection of such Surcharge is a unilateral action of shipping lines. No consultation was conducted, and shipping lines also do not provide essential information such as when and under what circumstance that the Surcharge would be introduced, or cancelled, or the level adjusted.

This is also a collective pricing action and hence may be considered anti-competition in nature. By effecting the Surcharge collectively on the same date and at the same level, shippers are left without choice.

The Council will also appeal to the SAR Government and particularly the Competition Commission to investigate into this collective pricing action. Members will be kept abreast of the development of the issue.

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船公司向香港付貨人徵收「港口擁擠附加費」

從 2014 年 10 月 19 日起，亞洲區內航線的船公司會向香港進出口付貨人徵收的『港口擁擠附加費』(Port Congestion Surcharge)。這項附加費為每個 20 呎貨櫃 50 美元，以及每個 40 呎貨櫃 100 美元。

由於該附加費不合理，也缺乏理據支持，香港付貨人委員會(工總為創會成員)強烈反對，並已致函在香港經營亞洲區內航線的班輪公司，要求立即取消該徵費。



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『港口擁擠附加費』是班輪公司單方面決定徵收的，完全沒有諮詢付貨人，也沒有提供這附加費的重要資訊，包括有關何時會取消、調整幅度等重要內容。

新附加費也是集體定價的行動，涉及差不多所有經營亞洲區內航線的船公司，同一時間徵收同一項新收附加費，令付貨人毫無選擇，因此可能是違反競爭法的壟斷性收費行為。

香港付貨人委員會將致函有關政府部門及競爭事務委員會反映及投訴這項收費不合理及完全沒有理據。工總會把事態的新發展讓會員知悉。
