



Customer Advisory

Date: 16th March 2026

Dear Valued Customers

Subject: Notice of end of voyage and/or deviation and/or delay and/or transshipment under ESL bill of lading terms

In view of the current security situation in the Arabian Gulf giving rise to considerable risk of damage and/or delay and/or disadvantage to the Vessel/Goods and/or those on board, under the terms of our contract of carriage, for all cargo shipped on the following Vessel: **ASL SHEKOU VOY 02611**, whether located ashore or at sea, we hereby give notice under Clause 8 (Liberties) of the Bill of Lading that ESL will exercise their right to stop the Vessel in **Sohar, Oman** and discharge and/or tranship the cargo, with all risk and cost to be for the Merchant.

(I) FOR ALL CARGO TO SOHAR

For those cargoes destined for **SOHAR** on the above-mentioned vessel, we hereby give notice that the carriage of these cargoes will be delayed due to the above situation, in which case this will be at the Merchant's risk and cost.

A mandatory surcharge of **USD 750 per TEU** (to be paid by the party who pays the freight) will apply to all affected shipments, without exception, to cover deviation costs, delay and/or all operational costs.

Furthermore, all storage, and any ancillary charges arising out of or in connection with the above deviation and/or delay shall be for the sole account and risk of the Merchant.

(II) FOR CARGO TO JEBEL ALI, KHOR FAKKAN AND SHARJAH:

The affected cargo will be discharged at **the port of SOHAR, OMAN** and moved to a bonded freezone and this shall constitute due fulfilment of the contract.

A mandatory surcharge of **USD 1,250 per 20" container, USD 2,000 per 40" and USD 2,500 per 40' Reefer container** (to be paid by the party who pays the freight) will apply to all affected shipments, without exception, to cover deviation costs and/or all operational costs of the transshipment in Sohar, Oman.

However, as ESL is currently working on a trucking solution from Sohar, Oman to



Jebel Ali, UAE, customers shall have the option of awaiting such solution, at their risk and costs, and once available, following such discharge, request ESL to move the cargo by truck to **Jebel Ali, UAE**.

For such transportation (once available) of the cargo from **Sohar to Jebel Ali** a mandatory additional charge per container will apply to cover the transportation by trucks and any ancillary costs related thereto. The final quantum will be confirmed and advised upon the solution becoming available.

Any storage or other arrangements, and any ancillary charges, costs and expenses involved in dealing with the cargo following discharge are for the sole account of the Merchant.

(III) FOR ALL OTHER ARABIAN GULF PORTS

The affected cargo will be discharged at **the port of SOHAR, OMAN** and be moved into a bonded freezone and such discharge shall constitute due fulfilment of the contract.

A mandatory surcharge of **USD 1,250 per 20” container, USD 2,000 per 40” and and USD 2,500 per 40' Reefer container** (to be paid by the party who pays the freight) will apply to all affected shipments, without exception, to cover deviation costs and/or all operational costs for the deviation to and discharge in Sohar.

Any storage or other arrangements, and any ancillary charges, costs and expenses involved in dealing with the cargo following discharge are for the sole account of the Merchant.

Customers are kindly requested to contact their local ESL representative to obtain details and to confirm instructions for local recovery arrangements.

Should customers wish to have their cargo forwarded to an alternative destination by ESL, please contact your local ESL representative, who can further assist you.

ESL sincerely appreciates your understanding and cooperation during this time.

For further clarification, please contact your local ESL representative.

Thank you.