



Customer Advisory

Date: 23rd March 2026

Dear Valued Customers

Subject: Notice regarding Drop-Off of Empty Containers

Effective immediately and until further notice, the following terms and charges apply for existing and new import shipments into the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Iraq.

The current situation in the Middle East is leading to an increasing buildup of empty containers and related storage costs. Therefore, irrespective of the port of destination on the Bill of Lading or where the cargo was actually delivered, ESL will charge **USD 550/ TEU** as Container Drop -off Charge.

Empty containers returned to the locations listed below will be **exempt** from the Container Drop -off Charge:

- Sohar, Oman
- Jeddah, KSA

As per clause 8 of the Bill of Lading (Liberties), the additional Container Drop-off Charge will apply to cover the costs and operational expenses, in addition to the other charges and costs mentioned in our previous customer advisories.

ESL sincerely appreciates your understanding and cooperation during this time.

For further clarification, please contact your local ESL representative.

Thank you.