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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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Sub: Development of Exclusive Container Rail Terminal on Railway land

In order to promote container traffic, a need has been felt to issue policy guidelines for development of container terminals on railway land.

Accordingly, guidelines for development of **Exclusive Container Rail Terminal (ECRT) on Railway land** have been formulated and are enclosed in Annexure 1.

These guidelines shall be applied as "proof of concept" on the identified location in Indian Railway. An indicative list of such locations is attached as Annexure 1A. However, Zonal Railways may add other locations if sufficient market is available for domestic container traffic or they may delete some of the listed locations.

This issues in consultation with Rates and Traffic Transportation directorates and with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

Enclosure/As above


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Annexure 1**Guidelines for development of Exclusive Container Rail Terminal (ECRT)
on Railway land**

Objective: To develop exclusive container rail terminals on identified railway locations to promote container traffic. The salient features of the policy are as under:

1. Zone (PCCM and PCOM) may declare an existing Goods shed/ any new terminal to be opened for handling container traffic only and shall be termed as "Exclusive Container Rail Terminal (ECRT)". An indicative list in this regard is given in Annexure 1a.
2. These terminals are being planned to promote domestic container traffic. However, Zone (PCCM and PCOM), if found justified, may declare these terminal open for other traffic without impacting the handling of container traffic.
3. **Container Storage Charges:**
 - a. Container Storage Charges at such terminal will be Rs.35 per TEU per day.
 - b. Rate for one FEU will be two times of Container Storage Charges for per TEU.
 - c. If there are two 20 feet boxes in double layered manner, the charge for storage will be Rs.70 for the same area. Likewise, if they are stored in three layers, the charge for storage will be Rs.105 for the land area occupied by these containers
 - d. The 'Container Storage Charges' for a container will commence from the time container arrives at the terminal (in case of outward movement) and after the expiry of free time for unloading (in case of inward consignment)
 - e. If a particular container is not removed from the terminal after 12 days, the Container Storage Charges for such containers will be doubled.
4. There will not be any free time for stacking of the containers at such terminals.
5. **ECRT Access Charge (ECRTAC):** For accessing the terminal, (ECRTAC) of Rs.80000 per train will be levied. The charging of the ECRTAC is as per the table given below:


(i) Loaded in - Empty out	1.0 x ECRTAC (= Rs.80000)
(ii) Empty in - Loaded out	1.0 x ECRTAC (=Rs.80000)
(iii) Loaded in - Loaded out	1.0 x ECRTAC (=Rs.80000)

6. No wharfrage/ground usage charge at these terminals will be leviable.
7. Total permissible Free time at these 'ECRT' for loading/unloading and stuffing/de-stuffing of the containers on a container train will be as per prevailing time in RMC/CRT/2015 i.e. 9(nine) hours, irrespective of the activity or activities done on the rake and number of operations performed.
8. Detention/demurrage charges will be levied as per the existing policy guidelines.


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9. The waiver of detention charges under the justified circumstances will be as per the extant instructions as applicable for waiver of Demurrage charges.
10. Hub and spoke operations will be allowed for such terminals with 5 days' time for hubbing operations. Telescopic benefit will be governed as per prevailing rule given in RMC/CRT-CCR-Hub & Spoke/2015.
11. All other applicable charges for container traffic such as Development Surcharge, Detention Charge, Busy Season Charge should be applicable as per extant guidelines.


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Annexure 1A

List of Locations for development of 'Exclusive Container Rail Terminal'

S.No	Proposed locations for ECRT	Division / Rly	State
1	Desur	UBL / SWR	Tamil Nadu
2	Vishakhapatnam (CFCV)	WAT/ECOR	Andhra Pradesh
3	Chinchwad	PUNE/CR	Maharashtra
4	Miraj	PUNE/CR	Maharashtra
5	Ratlam	RTM/WR	Madhya Pradesh
6	Rourkela	CKP/SER	Odisha
7	Rewari	JP/NWR	Haryana
8	Ballabgarh	DLI/NR	Haryana
9	Madhosingh	BSB/NER	Uttar Pradesh
10	Nagpur	NGP /CR	Maharashtra
11	Bhusawal	BSL/CR	Maharashtra
12	Tata Nagar	CKP/SER	Jharkhand
13	Raipur	R/SECR	Chhattisgarh
14	DCT Okhla	DLI/ NR	Delhi
15	ICD Mulund	CSTM/CR	Maharashtra
16	Tondiarpet (Chennai)	SR	Tamil Nadu
17	ICD TKD	DLI/NR	Delhi
18	Bhardreshwar Ghat	HWH/ER	West Bengal
19	Dhanakya	JP/NWR	Rajasthan
20	Deshnoke	JU/NWR	Rajasthan
21	Mettur Dam	SA/SR	Tamil Nadu
22	Salem Market	SA/SR	Tamil Nadu
23	Mandalgarh	KOTA/WCR	Rajasthan


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