

# **DURBAN**

## **GATEWAY TERMINAL**

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### **Update to Standard Storage Periods – OOG, IMDG and General-Purpose Containers**

Dear Valued Customers,

As communicated to industry stakeholders throughout the recent period of terminal congestion, Durban Gateway Terminal (DGT) has exercised all reasonable measures within its control to mitigate the impact on cargo owners, transporters and the broader supply chain.

In recognition of the challenges experienced, DGT has not levied any storage charges on containers within the terminal since early August 2026, and the storage charge remains at zero. DGT has consistently engaged with shipping lines and industry stakeholders, appealing for reciprocal demurrage to be waived where delays were attributable to terminal congestion, port operational constraints or factors outside the control of cargo owners and transporters.

DGT wishes to provide clear communication to industry ahead of the recommencement of any storage charges. As terminal operations continue to recover and cargo evacuation progressively normalises, DGT will now begin the process of returning to its standard storage arrangements, as outlined below.

#### **1. Out-of-Gauge (OOG) and IMDG Containers**

Storage arrangements for Out-of-Gauge (OOG) and IMDG containers will revert to the standard published free storage period. This will be with effect for OOG and IMDG containers landing on vessels berthing from Thursday 1 October 2026. All older OOG and IMDG containers (which landed prior to this date) will be considered as having landed on 1 October 2026.

Customers requiring appointments for these cargo types are requested to contact the DGT Appointments Department should they encounter any difficulties in securing an appointment through the normal booking process. DGT will facilitate such requests where required. A full list of individuals to contact and escalate was communicated on 21 September 2026 and is available on the terminal website ([www.dgt.ictsi.com](http://www.dgt.ictsi.com) [Terminal Updates | Durban Gateway Terminal](#) (Navigate to: Terminal Updates→Customer Communication)).

The standard operating requirements and procedures applicable to OOG and IMDG cargo will also resume, with these cargo types receiving the additional operational focus required.

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## 2. General Purpose (GP) Containers

For General Purpose (GP) cargo, DGT will commence a phased return to standard storage arrangements.

For all containers onboard vessels berthing from Thursday 1 October 2026, the applicable free storage period for GP cargo will be five days. Therefore, the tariff applicable will be:

First 5 days (72 120 hours) free, the free period is applied from 00h01 on the day after the container is discharged until the container leaves the gate.

Day 6 (06h00 - 23h59):

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| 6m/20' containers    | 2,698  |
| 12m/40' containers   | 5,396  |
| 13,7m/45' containers | 8,100  |
| From day 7 onwards:  |        |
| 6m/20' containers    | 4,391  |
| 12m/40' containers   | 8,773  |
| 13,7m/45' containers | 13,159 |

## 3. All Other Containers

All other types of container storage (reefer import, transshipment etc) will revert to tariff book for containers landing on vessels berthing from 1 October 2026. All older containers (which landed prior to this date) will be considered as having landed on 1 October 2026.

This measure forms part of DGT's ongoing programme to reduce terminal dwell and restore normal cargo evacuation patterns. The position will be closely monitored and, as terminal conditions continue to improve, DGT intends to progressively reduce the storage period further, moving from five days to four days and ultimately to the standard three-day period, when operationally practical.

Customers are therefore encouraged to make the necessary arrangements to evacuate cargo within the applicable storage period and to ensure that transport and other logistics requirements are planned accordingly. DGT appreciates the continued cooperation and patience of our customers and industry stakeholders during this period of recovery. These measures represent an important step towards the restoration of normal terminal operating conditions and are intended to provide greater predictability across the supply chain.

DGT remains committed to maintaining a safe, efficient and predictable service while progressively restoring the terminal to its standard operating parameters.

Yours sincerely,



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