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## Update on Trade Restrictions Between India and Pakistan

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Dear Valued Customer,

This is to inform you of recent developments impacting cargo movement between India and Pakistan. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) of the Indian Government has issued a prohibition on Pakistan cargo dated May 2nd 2025 and The Government of Pakistan ministry of commerce ordered the prohibition of Indian cargo dated May 4th 2025.

In response to the evolving situation, both countries have implemented restrictions that affect not only direct vessel calls and bilateral cargo movement, but also shipments transiting through or destined to/from third countries via Indian or Pakistani ports.

**India:** (The official DGFT notice: [link](#))

- All containers originating from Pakistan, including empty units, in-transit (ROB), transshipment, and import cargo, are now strictly prohibited from entering Indian ports.
- Vessels carrying Pakistan-origin cargo that departed prior to the implementation of the restriction will not be permitted to berth at Indian ports until such cargo is discharged at an alternate location.

**Pakistan:** (The notice by government: [link](#))

- The import or transit of Indian-origin goods whether shipped directly or via third countries and across all modes of transport has been prohibited.
- Additionally, exports to India that transit through Pakistani territory are also restricted.
- Many steamship lines are adding \$1000 per container for any cargo destined for Pakistan.

As the situation remains fluid, Sea Shipping Line will continue to monitor the developments closely and will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.