

भारतीय विमानपत्तन आर्थिक विनियामक प्राधिकरण  
Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India

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Order No. 21/2025-26

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सेवा/Service	:	आयात कार्गो के लिए कूरियर कार्गो सेवाएं /Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo.
सेवा प्रदाता/ Service provider	:	केरल स्टेट इंडस्ट्रियल इंटरप्राइज़ेज़ लिमिटेड (केएसआईईएल) / Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Limited (KSIEL).
हवाईअड्डा/Airport	:	तिरुवनंतपुरम अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाईअड्डा / Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.
हवाईअड्डा प्रचालक/ Airport Operator :	:	टीआरवी (केरल) इंटरनेशनल एयरपोर्ट लिमिटेड/ TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited (TIAL).

मैसर्व केरल स्टेट इंडस्ट्रियल इंटरप्राइज़ेज़ लिमिटेड (केएसआईईएल) द्वारा तिरुवनंतपुरम अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डा, तिरुवनंतपुरम में प्रदान की जाने वाली आयात कार्गो के लिए कूरियर कार्गो संबंधी सेवाओं का प्रारंभ तिथि से 31.03.2026 की अवधि के लिए तदर्थ टैरिफ़।

In the matter of Determination of Ad-hoc Tariff in respect of Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo to be provided by M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Limited (KSIEL) at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram, from the date of commencement of Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo till 31.03.2026.

ISP's submission:

1. M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Limited (KSIEL) vide its e-mail dated 23.08.2025 submitted MYTP in respect of Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo for the Period from FY 2025-26 to 2026-27, to be provided at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport (TRV), Thiruvananthapuram, along with a request to approve Ad-hoc Tariff till the determination of regular Tariff by AERA for the subject new service.



2. Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Limited (KSIEL), a PSU owned by the Kerala Government, is operating the Air Cargo Complex (ACC) at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram. In this regard, KSIEL has been appointed as the Custodian of Thiruvananthapuram Air Cargo Terminal for both Imports and Exports Cargo by the Commissioner of Customs.

3. M/s KSIEL has submitted Tariff Proposal for the period from FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 to AERA for the proposed Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo along with the following documents:

- Letter from Customs Deptt. instructing the ISP to install necessary infrastructure facilities for considering the Courier Cargo License.
- NOC issued by TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited (TIAL), the Airport Operator, for undertaking the Courier Cargo Operations at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.
- Detail of Capital Expenditure and other Expenditure along with justification thereof.
- Comparative Statement of proposed Tariff with that of Cochin International Airport Limited.
- Proposed Tariff Card for the period of FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 in respect of Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo as under:

(Amt. in ₹)

Sl. No.	Name of Service	Unit	2025-26	2026-27
A.	Terminal Storage and Processing Charges (TSP).	Per Kg	5.5	6.00
		Minimum Rate Per Consignment	225	250
B.	Strapping Charges	Per Packet	10	10
C.	Demurrage Charges	Minimum Rate INR Per Consignment	300	330
Free Period: Upto: 36 Hours of receipt of cargo at Courier Warehouse.				
(i)	From 36 hours of Cargo at Warehouse to 4 <sup>th</sup> day	Rate Per Kg/Day	1.50	1.65
(ii)	From 5 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> day	Rate Per Kg/Day	3.00	3.30
(iii)	From 11 <sup>th</sup> day onwards	Rate Per Kg/Day	4.50	5.00

#### Authority's examination on the request of M/s KSIEL:

- The Authority notes that KSIEL has submitted the MYTP for the FY 2025-26 & FY 2026-27 in respect of its new cargo handling service i.e. "Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo" at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.
- The Authority vide Tariff order No. 30/2023-24 dated 20.12.2023 had already approved the regular Tariff for International Cargo Handling Services in respect of M/s KSIEL at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport for the Third control Period (from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26).
- It is noted that TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited (TIAL), the airport operator, has given the "No Objection Certificate" (NOC) on 06.08.2025 to KSIEL for undertaking courier cargo services for import cargo from its cargo terminal premises at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.
- The Authority observes that on the request of KSIEL for approval of License regarding commencing international Courier operations, Department of Central Board of Direct Taxes and Customs, vide its



letter dated 17.06.2025 has informed KSIEL that their application shall be considered only when the necessary infrastructure is created by the KSIEL.

8. Upon initial review of KSIEL proposal, the Authority sought information/clarification from M/s KSIEL vide e-mail dated 03.09.2025 on the following points:
  - a. Basis of estimated cost of Rs. 85.95 lakhs in respect of additional infrastructure for provision of new service along with supporting documents and details of the expenditure incurred till date.
  - b. Estimated courier cargo volume and revenue likely to be earned from this service.
  - c. Copy of approval given by the Dept. of Customs for commencement of courier operations.
  - d. BCAS approval for courier cargo operations.
  - e. Likely date of commencement of courier cargo operations at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.
9. In response to AERA's aforesaid queries, M/s KSIEL vide email dated 08.09.2025 and 16.10.2025 submitted the following clarification/information:
  - a. That an amount of Rs. 9.13 lakhs has been incurred on civil construction work and further purchase orders for Rs. 9.88 lakhs have been issued for various items. The ISP has further submitted that an expenditure on account of X-ray machine, desktop etc. amounting to Rs. 58.25 lakhs is also anticipated. In addition, Furniture, Pallets and Pallet Trolleys required for the said services are yet to be purchased at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.95 lakhs.
  - b. M/s KSIEL has estimated the Courier Cargo Volume in the initial months around 1-2 MT/per day and which may increase to 5 MT/per day. The Revenue to the tune of Rs. 3.5 lakhs per day is estimated which may increase in the subsequent months.
  - c. Customs Department has accorded the in-principle approval for custodianship of handling of Courier Cargo Services at Trivandrum Airport.
  - d. KSIEL will undertake Import Courier operations first, for which BCAS approval is not required as the proposed Courier Terminal is in the same premises and no additional approval is needed from BCAS for doing the Courier Cargo Operations.
  - e. The proposed Courier Cargo Operations are expected to commence shortly.
10. The Authority has compared the Ad-hoc Tariff rates proposed by the ISP in respect of Courier Cargo Services with the tariff for these services as approved by AERA for the other Cargo Terminal operators at Cochin and Bengaluru Airports.
11. The Authority, after having examined the MYTP submitted by M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Limited (KSIEL) for the Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo, is of the view that as the normal tariff cycle for the Third Control Period is ending on 31.03.2026 and considering the time and efforts that goes into for the determination of regular tariff, it is not worthwhile to undertake the comprehensive exercise for determination of regular tariff determination for such short period. Accordingly, the Authority, as an interim measure, decides to consider the Ad-hoc Tariff for the ISP in respect of its proposed Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, based on the ISP's proposal, which is comparable with the tariff at Cochin and Bengaluru Airports for similar services.
12. The Ad-hoc Tariff as considered by the Authority for ISP shall be effective from the date of commencement of Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo till 31.03.2026. After the end of the current

Control Period (from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26) for Cargo Handling Services M/s KSIEL to submit its MYTP for the Fourth Control Period starting from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 in respect of Cargo Handling Services, including Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo for determination of regular tariff.

## ORDER

Upon careful consideration of submissions made by the ISP as per para 1,2 & 3 above and examination of the material available on records, the Authority, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 13(1) (a) of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008, hereby orders that:

- (i) M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Limited (KSIEL) is allowed to levy and collect Tariff for Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram, as an interim measure, **from the date of commencement of Courier Cargo Services for Import Cargo till 31.03.2026** as per Annexure-I.
- (ii) The Tariff determined, hereinunder, shall be maximum Tariff to be charged. No other charge(s) is to be levied over and above the approved Tariff.
- (iii) The Tariff approved hereinunder is excluding of applicable taxes.
- (iv) The Airport Operator to publish this Tariff Order at its official website for the information of all stakeholders.
- (v) The Airport Operator shall ensure compliance of this Order.

सत्यमेव जयते

प्राधिकारी के आदेश से और उसके नाम पर

By the Order of and in the Name of the Authority

(सुयश नारायण / Suyash Narain)

सचिव / Secretary

सेवा में / To,

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### Copy for information to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport New Delhi-110003.
2. Chief Airport Officer, Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Airport Road, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala – 695024.



**Ad-hoc Tariff Rate Card approved by AERA For M/s Kerala State Industrial Enterprises Ltd.**  
**In respect of Courier Cargo Services (Import Cargo)**  
**at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram.**

**Ad-hoc Tariff rate shall be effective from the date of commencement of Courier Cargo Services (Import Cargo) till 31.03.2026.**

**Tariff Rates for Import Courier Cargo Services payable by Agents/Shippers**

(Amt. in ₹)

Sl .No.	Particulars	Unit	2025-26
1	<b>Terminal Storage and Processing Charges (TSP).</b>	Per Kg	5.5
		Minimum Rate Per Consignment	225
2	<b>Strapping Charges</b>	Per Packet	10
3	<b>Demurrage Charges*</b>		
(i)	From 48 hours to 4 <sup>th</sup> day	Rate Per Kg/Day	1.50
(ii)	From 5 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> day	Rate Per Kg/Day	2.00
(iii)	From 11 <sup>th</sup> day onwards	Rate Per Kg/Day	3.00
(iv)	Minimum Demurrage Charges	Minimum Rate Per Consignment	300

\*Free storage period for the demurrage charges shall be as per the Govt. of India orders, issued from time to time. Presently, free period for Import Cargo is 48 Hours.

**Notes:**

1. Above Tariff Rates are exclusive of all applicable taxes.
2. Tariff determined shall be the maximum Tariff to be charged. No other charge is to be levied over and above the approved Tariff Rates.
3. All the bills shall be “Rounded Off” to the next INR 1.00. For example:
  - i) INR 1.25 = 2.00
  - ii) INR 1.85 = 2.00

