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**Excellency!**

**Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif**

Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
Islamabad

**SUBJECT: RICE VESSELS SUFFERING AT PORT QASIM DUE NON-MERIT ACTIONS BY PORT QASIM AUTHORITY**

Excellency,

Greetings from Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan (REAP), our facilitations to your esteemed team in steering Pakistan out of financial crisis.

We humbly request your kind intervention to a matter which has caused undue distress with major financial losses to the rice export sector and our esteemed buyers and vessel operators, owed to unjust actions by Port Qasim Authority in promoting IMPORTS Over EXPORTS, by berthing import edible oil vessels on dry cargo berths resulting in causing millions of dollars in demurrages on Rice Vessels, causing berthing delays upto 20 days as of today.

Causing execution delays, increasing cost of rice exports from Pakistan, deterring buyers to opt for other origins in future.

Alone in January following edible oil vessels were berthed at MW-1, despite edible oil vessels have a dedicated edible oil terminal LCT (liquid cargo terminal).

Palm Oil Vessels berthing at MW - 1 in January 2025:

**1. MTM AMAZON**

- Arrival: January 4
- Berth: January 20
- Departure: January 22

**2. AU TAURUS**

- Arrival: January 8
- Berth: January 22
- Departure: January 24

### **3. BENTLEY I**

- Arrival: January 13
- Berth: January 24
- Departure: January 27

### **4. GALL**

- Arrival: January 14
- Berth: January 27
- ETD: January 29

Your Excellency, this action by Port Qasim Authority has caused, dry cargo vessels waiting time going up to 20/25 days in January 2025

As is, poor planning over last 5 decades, have made Port Qasim develop into a Import dedicated Port, having following dedicated Import cargo terminals:

- 1/ fap grain unloading terminal
- 2/ engrovopak chemical terminal
- 3/ iocb pak steel coal jetty
- 4/ pibt Import COAL Terminal
- 5/ lct edible oil terminal
- 6/ multiple LNG Terminals

Only 2 x dry cargo berths are available which accommodate Imports of General Cargo/steel/steel scrap/pke plus Rice exports and cement exports.

With Port Qasim infrastructure 90% Import oriented, and despite having a dedicated edible oil terminal, using the 2 x general cargo berths of palm oil, speaks of the negligence causing export sector specially Rice exports suffer.

You may be given the ancient excuse of palm oil price increase due ramadan coming up and hence utilizing MW 1, this is untrue, as the entire edible oil storage facility at PQA the stocks exceed the requirements n are beyond required stocks, the current congestion caused is a usual one, over ordering of palm oil for ramadan, thus the mess.

Meanwhile, Pakistan rice exports face a heavily subsidized rice exports regime out of India, while our members continue to perform, the last thing needed is Govt offices causing hurdles delays in exports. All we ask is Federal Government Priorities on Exports be appreciated and implemented by all value chain partners, primarily Govt Offices such as PQA.

Where as your good office has always held high the priority for export sector, Port Qasim working otherwise.

May we request your esteemed office for following:

- 1/ an ECC decision for priority berthing of rice vessels at MW 1 and MW 2, at PQA.
- 2/ needful directives to PQA to stop berthing edible oil cargo vessels at MW 1, as witnessed now.
- 3/ a dedicated buffer storage shed for dry Agri cargoes only.
- 4/ a private sector operated multiple min 4 new weighbridge for MW PQA. To address pilferage, as continued shortage reports by our esteemed buyers, specifically for vessels loaded ex MW 1 & MW 2, is now the order of the day.

We look forward for your kind and continued patronage of REAP at all times, and we assure you of our utmost efforts in bringing continued higher export earnings.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

For **Rice Exporters Association of Pakistan**

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