

File No: AERA/20010/MYTP/TVM (TIAL)/CH/CP-III/2021-26
Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India

Order No. 47 /2021-22

AERA Building,
Administrative Complex,
Safdarjung Airport,
New Delhi – 110003

Date of Issue: 17th March, 2022

Service : Cargo Handling Services
Service Provider : TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited (TIAL)
Airport : Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram
Airport Operator : TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited (TIAL)

In the matter of Determination of Ad-hoc Tariff for Cargo Handling Services to be provided at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram by TRV (Kerala) International Airport Ltd (TIAL) for the period from 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022.

TIAL Submission:

1. TRV (Kerala) International Airport Ltd (TIAL) vide its letter no. TIAL/CO/AERA-IT/2022/1 dated 14th February 2022 has requested the Authority to allow it to levy the ad-hoc Cargo Tariff in respect of their proposed Domestic and International Cargo Handling Services at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport scheduled to be commenced from **01.04.2022**.

TIAL has further submitted:

- (i) That it has signed the Concession Agreement with the Airports Authority of India (AAI) on 19.01.2019 for Operation, Management and Development of Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram for 50 years.
- (ii) That it has assumed the role of Airport Operator of Thiruvananthapuram International Airport and started commercial operation w.e.f. **14.10.2021** (COD). As per clause 19.4 of the Concession Agreement, TIAL is required to provide the Cargo facilities at the Airport. Pursuant to the above, TIAL is in the process to start Cargo Services both in the Domestic and the International segments as per the schedule mentioned below:

Particulars	Domestic	International (Export)	International (Import)
Cargo Operation	01.04.2022	01.04.2022	01.10.2022

- (iii) That they are in the process of drafting its MYTP for the Control Period of 5 years (1st April 2021 to 31st March 2026) and the same will be submitted to the Authority in due course. In the

interim, TIAL has requested the Authority to allow it to levy the approved Tariff (as on 01.04.2022), as applicable to present Cargo concessionaire i.e. M/s AAI Cargo Logistics and Allied Services Company Ltd. (AAICLAS), on ad-hoc basis, for their proposed Domestic and International Cargo Handling services at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport w.e.f. 01.04.2022 till the time regular Tariffs for the current Control Period are approved by the Authority.

Authority's Examination on the request of TIAL:

2. Upon initial scrutiny of the request of the TIAL, the Authority notes that it is required to provide Cargo facilities at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, as per the clause 19.4 of the Concession Agreement entered into with AAI. TIAL proposes to commence Cargo Handling Services as per schedule indicated in para 1(ii) above. The Authority enquired about the details of Cargo Handling Services proposed at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport and status of regulatory approvals from Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) & Customs Department. In response thereto, TIAL vide their email dated 28th February, 2022 intimated that:

- (i) They propose to provide all Cargo Services similar to those provided by AAICLAS at the existing carved out facility at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport;
- (ii) The Cargo facility will be operated by TIAL as an Airport Operator and has the necessary clearance certificate(s) from the regulatory authorities. However, in order to provide screening at the facility, TIAL will be requiring Regulated Agent (RA) Certification from BCAS and they have already applied for necessary approval from the BCAS; and
- (iii) They are in the process to apply for the "Custodianship" for the International Cargo Operation with Customs Department.

3. The Authority has determined the Cargo Handling charges at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram in favour of AAICLAS vide Order No. 42/2020-21 dated 01/09/2020 for the First Control Period effective from 01.10.2020 and valid up to 31.03.2024.

4. The Authority feels that it will take some time before the TIAL submits its MYTP to the Authority in respect of Cargo Handling Services at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

5. In the interim, the Authority has decided to allow TIAL to levy the ad-hoc Tariffs, based on the existing approved Tariff at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport (as on 01.04.2022) & applicable to other Cargo Handling Service Provider i.e. AAICLAS, for their proposed Domestic and International (Export) Cargo Handling Services w.e.f. 01.04.2022 till 30.09.2022, or, till the determination of regular Tariff for Cargo Handling Services for the First Control Period, whichever is earlier.

6. Since, Cargo Services with respect to International (Import) has been scheduled by TIAL to start on 01.10.2022, therefore, the Tariff for the same is not included in present Interim Order.

7. TIAL is advised to submit the MYTP well in time, as per the AERA (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Airport Operators) Guidelines, 2011, for determination of regular Tariff in respect of Cargo Services for the First Control Period.



8. TIAL shall start Operations only once all the requisite regulatory approvals, including those indicated at (ii) and (iii) of Para 2 above are obtained.

ORDER

Upon careful consideration of the material available on records, the Authority, in the exercise of powers conferred by Section 13(1)(a) of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008 hereby orders that:

- (i) The TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited (TIAL), is allowed to levy and collect the Tariff for Cargo Services [Domestic and International (Export)] on an ad hoc basis, as approved for the other Cargo Service Provider namely AAICLAS (as on 01.04.2022) vide Authority's Order No. 42/2020-21 dated 01.09.2020, **w.e.f. 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022** as per Annexure-I, or, till the determination of regular Tariff for the First Control Period, whichever is earlier. However, this order shall be effective subject to receipt of the following regulatory approvals before the commencement of proposed Cargo Services at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport:
 - (a) Receipt of Regulatory Agent Certification of TIAL from BCAS; and
 - (b) Grant of Custodianship for the International Cargo Operation by Customs Department to TIAL.
- (ii) Tariff determined, as above, is the maximum Tariff to be charged from the Users of the Cargo Handling Services. No other charges are to be levied over and above the approved Tariff.
- (iii) The Airport Operator shall submit MYTP in respect of Cargo Handling Services for the First Control Period well in time as per the provisions of the AERA Guidelines.

By the Order of and in the Name of the Authority


(Col. Manu Sooden)
Secretary

To,

Shri Ashu Madan,
TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited,
Administrative Block
Near Domestic Terminal
Thiruvananthapuram 695008.

Copy to:

Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Rajiv Gandhi Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport New Delhi-110003.



**AERA approved ad-hoc Tariff Rates
for TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited
at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram**

**For Cargo Handling Charges
(For the Period 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)**

S. No.	Export Cargo	Per Kg. (INR)	Minimum Rate per Consignment (INR)
a	Terminal, Storage & Processing charges		
i	General	1.07	182
ii	Special	2.13	356
iii	Valuable	4.36	726
iv	Perishable	1.07	182
b	Demurrages charges (leviable from shippers)		
i	General	1.10	182
ii	Special	2.18	356
iii	Valuable	4.36	726
iv	Perishable	1.10	182

NOTES:

- a) The applicable free period for export cargo shall be as per Government Regulations, issued from time to time.
- b) 10% discount in the Terminal, Storage and Processing charges will be granted to Exporters, who opt for engaging their own manpower for offloading cargo from their vehicles at Truck Dock and shifting to Custom Examination Area and handing over to Airlines/Terminal Operator, wherever it is applicable. In case TIAL is not able to provide equipment for loading/ unloading of Over Dimensional Cargo (ODC), the same criteria will be followed.
- c) Consignments of human remains coffin including unaccompanied baggage of deceased and human eyes will be exempted from the purview of Terminal, Storage and Processing charges & Demurrage charges. No XBIS/ETD usage charges will also be leviable on these shipments.
- d) Terminal, Storage and processing charges are inclusive of Forklift charges wherever Forklift usage is involved. No separate Forklift charges will be levied.
- e) Special cargo consists of live animals, hazardous goods and valuable cargo.
- f) Charges will be levied on the 'gross weight' or the 'chargeable weight' of the consignment, whichever is higher. Wherever the 'gross weight' and (or) 'volume weight' is wrongly indicated on the Airway Bill and is found more, charges will be levied on the 'actual gross weight' or 'actual volumetric weight', whichever is higher.
- g) For misdeclaration of weight above 2% and up to 5% of declared weight, penal charges @ double the applicable Terminal, Storage and Processing charges and for variation above 5%, the penal charges @ 5 times the applicable Terminal, Storage and Processing charges will be leviable on the

differential weight, subject to a minimum amount equivalent to the applicable minimum Terminal, Storage and Processing charges. No penal charges will be leviable for variation up to and inclusive of 2%. (For any variation, all the documents/ records to be invariably amended). No weight variation is acceptable in the case of valuable (VAL) consignments.

- h) Valuable cargo consists of gold, bullion, currency notes, securities, shares, share coupons, travelers' cheques, diamonds (including diamonds for industrial use), diamond jewellery, jewellery & watches made of silver, gold platinum and items valued at USD 1000 per Kg & above.
- i) Terminal Operator shall levy packing/repacking charges @ 2% of packages per shipping bill with a minimum of INR 20.00 per Airway Bill. Packing / Repacking charges will be at INR 10.00 per packet.
- j) XBIS usage charges INR 1.00 per kg subject to a minimum of INR 150.00 per shipment. The same is applicable at 50% per kg subject to a minimum of INR 100.00 per ODC shipment where physical checks with the help of ETDs are facilitated. However, in random check cases in ETDs by Airlines after scanning through XBIS, no charges are to be levied for the usage of ETDs.
- k) Charges shall be leviable separately for installation/ commissioning/ maintenance of air cargo inspection system (ACIS) as stipulated by CBIC, as & when implemented.
- l) As an incentive to trade to utilize the lean hours, 20% discount in the Terminal, Storage and Processing charges will be granted to Export cargo admitted between 1000 hrs. to 1500 hrs., subject to levy of minimum rate per consignment as given in Scale of Charges.
- m) Merchant Over Time (MOT) charges @ INR 200.00 per consignment for admitting cargo beyond normal working hours, wherever 24x7 Export Cargo operation does not exist.
- n) The export TSP charges paid in advance online by the shippers/ agents will be refunded in case the export cargo is not physically brought to the Air Cargo Terminal for processing on the same day subject to retention of minimum rate per consignment of General/ Special/ Valuable cargo respectively. Proportionate Applicable GST on minimum rate will also be retained.
- o) For the Export Cargo withdrawal from the examination area, withdrawal demurrage charge will be collected equivalent to examination area demurrage charges. Similarly, for the withdrawal of export cargo from the bonded area, bonded area demurrage charges will be collected.
- p) Any other agencies operating at the airport utilizing TIAL equipment like Forklift, Tractor and any other equipment shall be charged separately.
- q) No X-Ray charges shall be leviable for the Custom cleared Export Cargo moving by bonded trucks to other destinations.
- r) All Bills shall be rounded up to the nearest higher of Rupee 1.00.
- s) All the above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied at applicable rates announced by the Government of India from time to time.



**AERA approved ad-hoc Tariff Rates
for TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited
at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram**

**Schedule of Charges/ Discounts/ Incentives leviable/ payable on/ to Airlines for various Cargo
Handling Services rendered by TIAL at the Cargo Terminal**

(For the Period 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Charges (INR)
1.	Storage charges for General export uplifted beyond the free period	2.63/Kg/ day
2.	Storages charges for valuable Export Cargo Perishable/ Live Animals and Hazardous Cargo uplifted beyond free period shall be two times of normal	5.26/Kg/ day
3.	Charges for Export Cargo unitization/ handling	2.54 (Kg), subject to minimum of INR 574/- per EGM
4.	Carting charges for transshipment of Import/ Export cargo (If TIAL Provide services)	3.88 (Kg), subject to a minimum of INR 296 per CTM
5.	Carting of cargo from aircraft stand to Cargo Terminal and vice-versa (If services of GHA not available)	0.86 (Kg), subject to a minimum of INR 296 per CTM

NOTES:

- a) Demurrage charges on transshipment cargo from Domestic to International and from International to International shall be treated as same as applicable for export cargo, after allowing the normal free period and subject to payment of minimum applicable export demurrage charges.
- b) The free period for export cargo for the carrier from the time of entry in the bonded area till upliftment shall be as per Government Regulations, issued from time to time.
- c) No free period may be allowed on second time handling/upliftment of export cargo from the cargo terminal. Applicable charges (Demurrage/Storage) shall be levied.
- d) The free period for export cargo for the NSOs in the bonded area, would be the same as applicable for the scheduled carrier as per the government regulations issued from time to time, from the time of physical acceptance at the bonded area.
- e) XBIS usage charges shall be INR 1.00 per kg subject to a minimum of INR 150.00 per shipment at Export. The same is applicable at 50% per kg subject to a minimum of INR 100.00 per ODC shipment where physical checks with the help of ETDs are facilitated. However, in random check cases in ETDs by Airlines after scanning through XBIS, no charges are to be levied for the usage of ETDs.
- f) Charges shall be leviable separately for installation/ commissioning/ maintenance of Air Cargo Inspection System (ACIS) as stipulated by CBIC as and when implemented.
- g) Additional Packing services required by Airlines for any shipment shall be additionally chargeable.
- h) All the Scheduled Airlines shall maintain a security deposit for an adequate amount as prescribed by TIAL for the cargo operations apart from the security deposit for the License Fee and enter into an agreement for availing credit facility as per the policy prescribed from time to time.
- i) Any other agencies operating at the airport utilizing TIAL equipment like Forklift, Tractor and any other equipment shall be charged separately.
- j) All Bills shall be rounded up to the nearest higher of Rupee 1.00.
- k) The above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied at applicable rates announced by the Government of India from time to time.



**AERA approved ad-hoc Tariff Rates
for TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited
at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram**

**Domestic Outbound Cargo Charges leviable on Shippers/ Consignor(s) etc.
(For the Period 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)**

Sr. No.	Type of Cargo	Per Kg. (INR)	Minimum Charges (INR)
1.	Standard Charges for Processing & Handling at Air Cargo Terminal		
	a) General Cargo	1.09	160
	b) Special (AVI) / PER/ HAZARDOUS/ VAL	2.18	319
2.	Demurrage Charges / Storage		
	a) General Cargo	1.09/kg/day	160
	b) Special (AVI) / PER/ HAZARDOUS/ VAL	2.18/kg/day	319
3.	Amendment of Airway Bill	145 per AWB	
4.	Return Cargo Charges	145 per AWB	
5.	Strapping /Re-packing Charges	INR 10.00 per package subject to a minimum of INR 20.00 per AWB for the actual services provided by TIAL	

NOTES:

- a) The free period for outbound domestic cargo shall be 12 hours for examination/processing by the shipper/consignor/authorized representative etc. and 12 hours for Airlines at SHA.
- b) 10% discount in the domestic cargo handling charges will be granted to the shippers/consignors who opt for engaging their own manpower for offloading cargo from their vehicles at Truck Dock and shifting to the examination/storage area before handing over to the airlines concerned, wherever it is applicable.
- c) Consignment of human remains, coffin including unaccompanied baggage of deceased and human eyes will be exempted from the purview of domestic cargo handling & demurrage charges. No XBIS/ETD usage charges will also leviable on these shipments.
- d) The domestic cargo handling charges are inclusive of forklift charges wherever forklift usage is involved. No separate forklift charges will be levied.
- e) As per the IATA definition, Special cargo consists of cold storage, live animals, hazardous goods & valuable cargo.
- f) Charges will be levied on the 'gross weight' or the 'chargeable weight' of the consignment, whichever is higher. Wherever the 'gross weight' and (or) 'volume weight' is wrongly indicated on the Airway Bill and is found more, charges will be levied on the 'actual gross weight' or 'actual volumetric weight', whichever is higher.
- g) For misdeclaration of weight above 2% and up to 5% of declared weight, penal charges @ double the applicable domestic cargo handling charges and for variation above 5%, the penal charges @ 5 times the applicable domestic cargo handling charges will be leviable on the differential weight, subject to a minimum amount equivalent to the applicable minimum domestic cargo handling

Charges. No penal charges will be leviable for variation up to and inclusive of 2%. No weight deviation is permissible in VAL cargo.

- h) XBIS usage charges shall be INR 1.00 per kg subject to a minimum of INR 150.00 per Airway Bill. The same is applicable at 50% per kg subject to a minimum of INR 100.00 per ODC shipment where physical checks with the help of ETDs are facilitated. However, in random check cases in ETDs by Airlines after scanning through XBIS, no charges are to be levied for the usage of ETDs.
- i) All Bills shall be rounded up to the nearest higher of Rupee 1.00.
- j) All the above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied at applicable rates announced by the Government of India from time to time.



डॉ. विद्या विद्या
AERA



**AERA approved ad-hoc Tariff Rates
for TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited
at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram**

**Domestic Inbound Cargo Charges Leviable on Consignee(s) etc.
(For the Period 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)**

Sr. No.	Type of Cargo	Per Kg. (INR)	Minimum Charges (INR)
1.	Standard Charges for processing & Handling at Air Cargo Terminal		
	a) General Cargo	1.09	160
	b) Special (AVI) / PER/ HAZARDOUS/ VAL	2.18	319
2.	Demurrage Charges / Storage		
	a) General Cargo	1.09/kg/day	160
	b) Special (AVI) / PER/ HAZARDOUS/ VAL	2.18/kg/day	319

NOTES:

- a) The free period for inbound domestic cargo shall be one working day for processing/delivery by the consignee/authorized representative etc.
- b) 10% discount in the domestic cargo handling charges will be granted to the consignee/authorized representative who opts for engaging their own manpower for loading cargo into their vehicles for delivery at designated areas from the airlines concerned, wherever it is applicable.
- c) Consignment of human remains, coffin including unaccompanied baggage of deceased and human eyes will be exempted from the purview of domestic cargo handling & demurrage charges.
- d) The domestic cargo handling charges are inclusive of forklift charges wherever forklift usage is involved. No separate forklift charges will be levied.
- e) Charges will be levied on the 'gross weight' or the 'chargeable weight' of the consignment, whichever is higher. Wherever the 'gross weight' and (or) 'volume weight' is wrongly indicated on the Airway Bill and is found more, charges will be levied on the 'actual gross weight' or 'actual volumetric weight', whichever is higher.
- f) As per the IATA definition, Special cargo consists of cargo stored in cold storage, live animals, valuable & hazardous goods.
- g) Valuable cargo consists of gold, bullion, currency notes, securities, shares, share coupons, travelers' cheques, diamonds (including diamonds for industrial use), diamond jewellery, jewellery & watches made of silver, gold platinum & items valued at US\$ 1000 and above.
- h) All Bills shall be rounded up to the nearest higher of Rupee 1.00.
- i) All the above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied at applicable rates announced by the Government of India from time to time.



**AERA approved ad-hoc Tariff Rates
for TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited
at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram**

**Schedule of Charges Leviable on Airlines for Domestic Cargo Handling (Applicable
where TIAL is undertaking responsibility)**

(For the Period 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)

Activity	Per Kg. (INR)	Minimum per flight (INR)
A) Unloading of incoming cargo loaded on trolleys (Bulk cargo Handling)	1.09	145
B) Loading of outgoing cargo on trolleys (Bulk cargo handling)	1.09	145
C) Loading of Container/ Pallet	1.93	363
D) De-stuffing of container / pallet	1.93	363

NOTES:

- All Bills shall be rounded up to the nearest higher of Rupee 1.00.
- All the above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied at applicable rates announced by the Government of India from time to time.

**AERA approved ad-hoc Tariff Rates
for TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited
at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram**

**Schedule of Charges Leviable on Non-Scheduled Operators
(For the Period 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Charges (INR)
1.	Storage charges for export cargo uplifted beyond the free period	4.34/ Kg. / day
2.	Storage charges for export valuable perishable cargo, live animals and hazardous cargo uplifted beyond the free period	8.74/ Kg. / day
3.	Unitization/ Loading Charges	4.30(Kg), subject to a minimum of INR 726/- per EGM
4.	Carting charges for Transshipment cargo to Other Domestic Airlines (If TIAL Provide services)	6.33(Kg), subject to a minimum of INR 556/- per CTM
5.	Carting of cargo from Cargo Terminal to Aircraft stand and vice-versa (If services of GHA not available)	1.39(Kg), subject to a minimum of INR 556/- per CTM

NOTES:

- a) Demurrage charges on transshipment cargo from Domestic to International and from International to International shall be treated as same as applicable for export cargo, after allowing the normal free period and subject to payment of minimum applicable export demurrage charges.
- b) The free period for export cargo for the NSOs in the bonded area, would be the same as applicable for the scheduled carrier as per the government regulations, issued from time to time, from the time of physical acceptance at the bonded area.
- c) NSO operators/their authorized agencies shall register with Terminal operator along with all required permission/documents from Customs & DGCA and various other regulatory agencies and are required to maintain a security deposit with TIAL equivalent to two month's transactions as advised. In addition to the security deposit, NSO operators may maintain a running account with TIAL with an adequate balance to avoid Cash & carry model.
- d) No free period may be allowed on second time handling/upliftment of export cargo from the cargo terminal. Applicable charges (storage) shall be levied.
- e) XBIS usage charges INR 1 per kg subject to a minimum of INR 150 per shipment at Export. The same is applicable at 50% per kg subject to a minimum of INR 100 per ODC shipment where physical checks with the help of ETDs are facilitated. However, in random check cases in ETDs by Airlines after scanning through XBIS, no charges are to be levied for the usage of ETDs.
- f) Charges shall be leviable separately for installation/ commissioning/ maintenance of air cargo inspection system (ACIS) as stipulated by CBIC, as & when implemented.
- g) Any other agencies operating at the airport utilizing TIAL equipment like Forklift, Tractor and any other equipment shall be charged separately.
- h) All Bills shall be rounded up to the nearest higher of Rupee 1.00.
- i) All the above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied at applicable rates announced by the Government of India from time to time.



**AERA approved ad-hoc Tariff Rates
for TRV (Kerala) International Airport Limited
at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram**

**Regulated Agent Facilitation (for Export & Domestic Outbound)
(For the Period 01.04.2022 to 30.09.2022)**

Sr. No.	Particulars	Charges (INR)
a)	i) X-ray machine usage charges	INR 1.00 per kg, subject to a minimum of INR 150.00 per consignment/Airway Bill
	ii) Use of ETD for ODC	INR 0.50 per kg subject to a minimum of INR 100.00 per ODC shipment/AWB where physical checks with the help of ETDs are facilitated. However, in random check cases in ETDs by Airlines after scanning through XBIS, no charges are to be levied for the usage of ETDs.
b)	Screening & Certification charges	
	i) Export	INR 1.50 per kg, subject to a minimum of INR 150.00 per shipment (International Air Cargo operation to be undertaken by TIAL)
	ii) Domestic outbound	INR 1.32 per kg, subject to a minimum of INR 120.00 per shipment/AWB
c)	Security Services for escorting of Cargo from Cargo Terminal to Aircraft and vice versa and handing over to the Airlines representative (For both Scheduled Airlines and Non-scheduled Airlines)	INR 0.10 per kg, subject to a minimum of INR 1,000.00 per flight (Subject to negotiation based on the type of Aircraft & Load)

NOTES:

- a) All Bills shall be rounded up to the nearest higher of Rupee 1.00.
- b) All the above charges are excluding GST, which will be levied at applicable rates announced by the Government of India from time to time.

