



Executive Secretary of Nigerian Shippers' Council; Mr Hassan Bello (L) receiving a plaque from the Director General of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency; Mr. Ziakeke Akpobolokemi during a recent working visit of the Council to NIMASA.

Anxiety As Shippers' Council's Directive To Terminal Operators, Shipping Coys Takes- Off Today

- Freight forwarders dare concessionaires, terminal operators
- ANLCA Boss: If they flouts the directive, we will use the opportunity to shut-down operations
- NAGAFF Boss: With our support, the Council can bite

EVEN as the newly-approved charges by the Nigerian Shippers' Council for terminal operators and shipping companies are expected to take-off today, freight forwarders have vowed to take-on the terminal operators and shipping companies if they fail to implement the rate-cut which was announced by the commercial regulator last week.

Leaders of freight forwarding associations; namely: NAGAFF, AREFFN and ANLCA told Shipping Position Daily exclusively in reaction to the new rates, that they will rally support for the Nigerian Shippers' Council to perform better as the port economic regulator.

The freight forwarding associations have also threatened to shut-down port operations if the concessionaires and the shipping companies fail to comply with the directives.

Specifically, the rate-cut which are expected to take effect from today include: Progressive Storage Charge and Free Storage Period for terminal operators. It also came hard on Shipping Line Agency Charge, Container Deposit, Container Cleaning and Maintenance Charge, as well as Container Demurrage, for shipping companies.

In the case of shipping companies, the Council had also announced some far-reaching decisions regarding: Shipping

Line Agency Charge and Container Deposit charge. Also affected are: Container Cleaning and Maintenance Charge as well as Container Demurrage charge.

But last week, the National President of ANLCA; Prince Olayiwola Shittu reiterated that should the concessionaires fail to comply with the order, the freight forwarders will take the necessary action against the terminal operators.

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