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PNGPCL work towards improving imported motor vehicles delivery standards

PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) is working towards lifting the delivery standards of second hand imported motor vehicles in Papua New Guinea.

PNGPCL Chief Executive Officer, Mr Brian Riches made this remark recently when outlining the Company's approach of improving the motor vehicle import procedures.

The Company has observed that used vehicle imports have been a problem area in the past in terms of customs clearance and storage at port storage facilities and therefore, have taken this approach.

Mr Riches said the importation processes of second hand vehicles have been long seen as a number of problems which has resulted in many individual vehicle importers paying additional unplanned charges.

"This has been due to poor management of the importation notification and documentation process to the private importer in PNG by some sellers overseas who do not fully declare the costs of importing," he said.

He said due to this poor management, there have been commercial disputes between the seller and the importer, resulting in vehicles being stored in the port area with charges increasing daily.

Mr Riches said in the past, PNGPCL had a large number of vehicles in the port that were awaiting the payment of customs duty or subject to commercial dispute that were congesting the port.

"To assist the importer in PNG, PNGPCL has requested the clearing agents to start early with the process to pre-clear vehicles by making an entry with customs as soon as the shipping line notifies the importer of the ships arrival. PNGPCL allows 5 free-days storage in the port to assist the importer. After five days, storage charges are charged on the vehicle in the port," he said.

Mr Riches said it is required that all motor vehicles entering ports of Port Moresby and Lae will need the cargo to be pre-cleared (entered) before the motor vehicle is being allowed to be discharge as this process will alert the importer of the vehicles arrival in the country.

Importers with their own bonded area will be exempt from this requirement.

Mr Riches said this approach will place emphasis on advising of the cargo arrival on the shipping line and therefore, alerting the importer of the cargo arrival in PNG.

“It is the intention of PNGPCL to provide better management of a problem that the shipping industry and second hand vehicle sales market has neglected for some time,” he said.

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