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Dear Customer

Customer Notice: Critical Fuel Surcharge (CFS) – Container Handling Services

We are writing to advise you of a significant and unforeseen cost development impacting the provision of our container handling services.

As you will be aware, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East has created substantial disruption across global fuel markets. In recent weeks, oil prices have risen by approximately 40–50%, which has driven diesel costs from around **£1.35 per litre in February to approximately £1.65 per litre today**. These exceptional increases were not anticipated, and current market indicators suggest that fuel price volatility is likely to continue for the foreseeable future, even in the event of a near-term- resolution to the conflict.

While we continue to take all reasonable steps to mitigate the impact of these cost pressures, the speed and scale of the fuel price escalation have resulted in a significant and unsustainable financial burden on ABP. Regrettably, these costs can no longer be absorbed internally.

To ensure the continued delivery of reliable and efficient container handling services, ABP will introduce a **Critical Fuel Surcharge (CFS)**, as follows:

- The CFS will be £2.33 per handled container. (Terminal Handling Charge)
- The charge will be levied as an additional surcharge to each customer invoice.
- This charge applies to increased diesel costs for cranes and reach-stacker activity only
- The CFS will be introduced on the 1st May 2026 and will be reviewed monthly.

Should the surcharge be required to continue beyond May, an updated price will be communicated no later than the 18th of May.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging period and thank you for your continued support. Should you require further information, please contact your usual ABP representative.

regards



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