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Press Statement

Hongkong Knitwear Exporters & Manufacturers Association
Voices Strong Concern Over Disproportionate Increases in Airline Cargo Fuel Surcharges

Hongkong Knitwear Exporters & Manufacturers Association (“The Association”) is formally expressing its deep concern following recent announcements of significant increases in cargo fuel surcharges by airlines. The new rates represent an outrageous spike that appears disproportionate to market realities. For instance, Cathay Pacific (CX) has announced long-haul surcharges rising from HKD 3.20 to HKD 12.90 per kg, and short-haul rates increasing from HKD 0.90 to HKD 3.50 per kg. These multi-fold escalations appear entirely unjustified, particularly given that crude oil prices have only risen by approximately 30-40% in the same period.

Mr. Peter Hui, Chairman of the Association, stated: “We call on the airlines to provide clear explanations for these exorbitant fee hikes. Transparency is essential, and shippers deserve to understand the rationale behind such staggering increases. Without proper justification, these surcharges appear to be driven more by profit motives than a genuine response to operational costs.”

Mr. Hui continued “We urge the airlines to outline the conditions under which they will revert these surcharge levels. A reduction mechanism should be established, which includes the possibility of negative surcharges to alleviate the financial burden placed on shippers.”

Mr. Hui further stated, “It’s important to note that airlines typically utilize hedging strategies to protect against oil price fluctuations. This practice highlights that the almost immediate increases in surcharges are unreasonable and suggest that the primary objective may be to maximize profits at the expense of their clients.”

“It is important to note that shippers are also facing considerable challenges in the current business climate. The drastic and sudden increases in surcharges add to their difficulties and should not be used as an opportunity for carriers to disproportionately capitalize financially.”

“We call upon the airlines to reconsider these increases, engage meaningfully with their clients, and align surcharges with actual operating costs rather than opportunistic pricing strategies.”

Finally, Mr. Hui concluded that “We strongly urge the Competition Commission to intervene to investigate the justification for these massive increases in cargo fuel surcharges.”

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新聞稿

香港毛織出口廠商會嚴正反對航空公司不合理提高燃油附加費

針對近期航空公司宣佈大幅調高貨運燃油附加費，香港毛織出口廠商會（下稱「本會」）對此表示強烈不滿。新徵收的費率漲幅極其驚人，已屬不合理水平。以國泰航空公布的加幅為例，長途航線的貨運燃油附加費由每公斤3.20港元飆升至12.90港元，短途航線則由每公斤0.90港元增加至3.50港元。此等升幅高達原水平的數倍，對比同期原油價格僅約30-40%的漲幅，這項調整顯然缺乏合理理據。

本會會長許彼得表示：「我們呼籲航空公司就這些高昂的收費提供清晰的解釋。透明度至關重要，付貨人有權了解如此驚人加幅背後的理據。若無合理解釋，這些附加費似乎更多是出於追求利潤的動機，而非對營運成本的真實反應。」

許會長續指：「我們敦促航空公司說明，在何種條件下才會將這些附加費恢復至原有水平。業界應設立一個減免機制，當中應包括實施負數附加費的可能性，以減輕付貨人目前承受的財務壓力。」

許會長進一步強調：「值得注意的是，航空公司通常會採用對沖策略來應對油價波動。這項慣常做法恰恰說明了這種近乎即時的附加費上調是不合理的，並暗示其主要目的可能是在損害客戶利益的基礎上，最大化自身利潤。」

「必須指出的是，付貨人在當前的營商環境下同樣面臨巨大挑戰。這項突如其來的大幅附加費上調，無疑加劇了他們的經營困難，不應被承運人用作不成比例地牟取暴利的機會。」「我們呼籲航空公司重新考慮這些加幅，與客戶進行有意義的溝通，並使附加費與實際運營成本掛鉤，而非採用機會主義的定價策略。」

最後，許會長表示：「我們強烈呼籲競爭事務委員會介入，調查這些貨運燃油附加費大幅上調的合理性。」

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