

**To: Deputy Minister of Transport of the Russian Federation,  
Head of the Federal Agency for Marine and River Transport,  
Tsvetkov Yu. A.**

**Copy to: Far East Directorate for State Maritime Supervision of  
The Federal Authority for Transport Oversight (Far East Directorate of Gosmornadzor),  
Acting Head of the Department, Bunkov S.V**

Ref. № 198 dated December 26, 2018.

Dear Yuri Alexandrovich!

On November 7, 2018 20ft container TGHU0394880 with a load of calcium carbide for Neftegazsnab Ltd. with destination at Korsakov settlement through Vladivostok –Perevalka arrived to “FIT” Ltd. The cargo has all the necessary certificates that meet all the requirements of IMDG Code, stowage of the cargo in the container is properly performed and meets the Requirements of ПД 31.11.21.18-96 “Rules for Carriage of Containerized Goods by Sea”.

The container was stopped and is still in the port due to the refusal of cargo clearance by the port supervision service. They refuse to perform sea transportation, citing the port authority’s decision not to give permission for shipment in the absence of the certificate for the tare issued by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping. The certificate provided by us, issued by CNIIMF JSC, is considered invalid. Moreover, they do not give us any written explanations on what legal grounds they detain the cargo, as well as do not give any references to regulatory legal acts from the port authorities.

The container is delayed in the port for more than 1.5 months. In connection with this, we incur huge losses. We still have not received any official responses from the port authorities.

When communicating with the head of "RMRS" FAO, Kolosov E.N., we were offered to solve the problem only by conduction of a new survey and reloading the cargo into another container, which is practically impossible to do.

Please note that calcium carbide is used to produce acetylene gas, which in turn is used to repair heating systems, sewers, in shipbuilding and metalwork, etc., being vital and very popular material that is strategically important for the island’s needs. At the same time, Neftegazsnab Ltd. is practically the only recipient of calcium carbide on Sakhalin Island. At the moment, due to the delay of the container in the port, there is an acute shortage of carbide on the island, which entails a violation in operation of critical public infrastructure.

We ask you to give urgent instructions to the port authorities not to impede the shipment of our cargo. If your authority does not extend to this issue, please send our appeal to the Prosecution Service or to other authorities, and give us written explanations.

Yours respectfully,  
Director of “Garant-Container” FFC Ltd,  
Zakrachaev A. A.