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Container hauliers plan to review tariffs

THE Container Hauliers Association of Malaysia (Cham) said it is working on a tariff structure which reflects the service levels and cost of operations.

Arguing on the need for the review, Cham said the tariff has not changed since 25 years ago while the members' operation cost has gone up.

"We are reviewing it with a view of making certain adjustments to basically pro-act to the situations," Cham president Mirzan Mahathir said after chairing the association's annual general meeting and extraordinary general meeting yesterday.

"We have done a study on entire tariff structure. We are reviewing what the cost should be, and it has to make sense."

"Since going through the recession and devaluation of our currency, our tariffs have not gone anywhere."

For the exporters and importers that means that they have a 40 per cent discount if they are dealing in US dollars, he pointed out.

Mirzan said Malaysia probably has one of the cheapest container haulage tariffs in the world.

On the market competition, Mirzan said: "It's going to be the same. You get more competitive and we believe we are competitive." He said it does not matter whether there are 15 or 500 more haulage companies in the market.

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