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**GHANA UNION OF TRADERS' ASSOCIATIONS  
(GUTA)**

**GUTA NOT HAPPY WITH THE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE UNIPASS SYSTEM**

Prior to the introduction of the UNIPASS system, we were briefed on the efficiency that the new system would bring to bear on the clearing process at the ports.


We recognized the fact that it is within the remit of the government to bring any system that will enhance trade facilitation and increase revenue for the state.

We have been assured of a smooth transition from the then existing system, without any hitch, and we are also aware that pilot programmes have taken place at other places other than the Tema Port. That is why GUTA was mute and observing the trend of affairs.

It is, therefore, surprise to us that the system is fraught with challenges that cause delay, which eventually cost the importer, in terms of demurrage and rent charges.

At this moment, we want to know, who bears the cost of such charges of demurrage and rent, since the importer is not the cause of the problems in the implementation of the new system (UNIPASS)?

We would like to seize this opportunity to appeal to the authorities to, as a matter of urgency, fix those challenges and bring the operation of the ports to normalcy with the enhanced efficiency that was promised the business community.

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