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Sub: Handling of Ammonium Nitrate at Visakhapatnam Port Trust - Reg.

You are aware that Govt. of India has notified the new rules governing the Ammonium Nitrate in the country on 11th July 2012 duly taking into account the national security concerns. Keeping the same in mind, some of the major Ports of West Coast have banned handling of Ammonium Nitrate.

Ammonium Nitrate handling poses threat to the security, if not adequate safety and security measures are in place. Keeping in mind the interest of the Port, as well as the Nation, it is felt that handling Ammonium Nitrate other than in bagged form shall be done away with. Accordingly, the following guidelines are spelt out for adherence.

1. Ammonium Nitrate will be allowed to be imported/exported only in bagged form as far as VPT is concerned.
2. Bagging has to be done at the point of origin. It means only bagged cargo will have to be shipped and brought from the point of origin.
3. All the Importers/Handling Agents of Ammonium Nitrate are to make necessary arrangements to store bagged Ammonium Nitrate outside the Port premises i.e. other than the Godowns constructed in the land allotted by VPT.
4. Bulk Ammonium Nitrate handling other than in bagged form therefore stands discontinued hereafter.

All the Importers and Handling Agents of Ammonium Nitrate are therefore requested to ensure that the above guidelines are strictly adhered to from 1st April 2013 onwards. Necessary steps may be initiated in order to shift to the bagged form detailed above from now onwards.

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