

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No. ITRA/SHP/FCIR

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Sub: Usage of Port Community System 1x by all stakeholders – Maritime
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Ref: Under Secretary Government of India Sri. Rameshwar kumar order
F.No.PD-14033/38/2016-PD-V MoS Dt. 11.12.2018.

In order to improve "Ease of Doing Business" MoS has undertaken several initiatives. One of the key initiatives is to exchange trade related documents and information electronically through the Port community system (PCS) a centralized web-based message exchange platform at national level encompassing the Indian maritime community. PCS is operated by the Indian Ports Association (IPA) since 2007 with the main objectives of electronic data interchange (EDI) and paperless Trade . The noteworthy feature of PCS is its direct link to ICEGATE of Indian Customs.

2. The ultimate aim of PCS is to seamlessly integrate all members of the Port community and also to provide an electronic platform to act as a single window to exchange messages and information IA is in the process of implementing a new version of the PCS (Version 1x)thereby enabling Indian maritime community to exchange electronic documents and information and transact business on near real time basis. PCS 1X is hosted on a private cloud and offers better user friendly interface increased connectivity options such as Application Programme interface (API) improved inclusion by offering user friendly dashboard, better security features etc.

3. The PCS 1Xbeing developed by MoS through IPA in consultation with all maritime stakeholders is targeted to Go Live by 11th December 2018.The functionalities offered by PCS Version 1x will not only be beneficial to the maritime community at large but will also contribute substantially in improving the "Ease of Doing Business "Trading Across Borders" and logistics performance Index ranks.

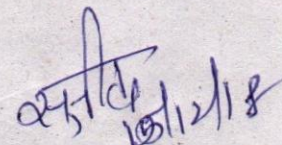
4 In the PCS 1x version coverage of stakeholders has been increased from the existing 19 to 27 in port ecosystem. A list of stakeholders is annexed for ready reference.

5 Given the vast functionality of PCS 1x and the improved coverage of stakeholders it has been decided that the usage of PCS 1x for carrying out all trade related electronic document exchange and clearances is made compulsory for all stake holders w.e.f 11th Dec. 2018

6 It has also been decided that Chairman/CEO of each port(both Major and Non Major) shall form a local committee of stakeholders with representatives from all players in th maritime trade to facilitate a smooth implementation of processes and use of various functionalities in PCS 1X. Difficulties faced if any shall be reported to IPA/PCS Help Desk (support.ipcs@nic.in/1800-11-5055/9910716769) immediately for resolution. Additional stakeholders who are not currently members of PCS shall contact PCS helpdesk for registration and use of these features.

7. All stakeholders therefore, in their own interest and for contributing towards ease of doing business are required to carry out all trade related transactions through PCS 1x

8. Joint Secretary (Ports) Ministry of Shipping and the Managing Director, IPA shall review compliance with regard to stakeholders's coverage, adoption and mandatory usage of PCS 1X once every fortnight and shall initiate further action as may be considered appropriate.


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- C/-P.A to Dy.Conservator for kind information of Dy.Conservator.
- C/-P.A to Secy. For kind information of Secretary.
- C/-P.A to Joint Director for kind information of Joint Director and request to paste the same in Port webcite(Copy in Swatch bharat with above No.)
- C/-H.A (C) for information and record.
- C/-DI (G)/DI (C) TI (R) /TI (C) for information
- C/-Customs/CISF for information.
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