NO. ITRA/GEN/FHZC/102

## VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

Date: 10-02-2020

## TRADE CIRCULAR - 1217

Sub: -Management of Hazardous and other wastes by providing Port Reception facility - reg.

Ref:-1. Annex-II and Annex VI of MARPOL 73/78 (as amended)

2. International Bulk Chemical Code - Chapter 17

3. IMO Circular - MEPC. 1/Circ.834 dated 15th April, 2014.

4. IMO Circular – MEPC. 2/Circ.2,3- Annex-1 dated 1st Dec., 2017.

5 Hazardous and other Wastes (Management and Trans boundary Movement) Rules, 2016.

6. Section 356-1 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.

7. MOS notification G.S.R. 15 E date 7th Jan., 2010.

Reference above, it may please be noted that the Authorities have made it mandatory for each port to provide Port Reception Facility for various categories of waste generated by ships / crafts as per MARPOL 73/78 (as amended) to preserve the marine environment through the complete elimination of pollution by oil and other harmful substances and the minimization of accidental discharge of such substances.

Henceforth, the importer / receiver handling any Noxious Liquid Substance in bulk (MARPOL Annex-II) or their agents, should confirm / obtain the following prior fixing the cargo / vessel for Visakhapatnam Port.

- Product Name / contains Name and Pollution Category (X,Y, Z etc) as per relevant annexes of MEPC 2/ Circ.23 dated 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 2017 and international Bulk Chemical Code- Chapter-17.
- Vessel's Master and the Cargo receiver shall ensure to strictly follow all applicable statutory guidelines including those mentioned in international Bulk Chemical Code – Chapter 17, Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 (as amended), IMO Circular – MEPC .2/Circ 2/3 dated 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 2017 and vessel's P&A manual.
- 3. The receiver/s must confirm that they have statutorily required reception facility to receive the tanks pre-wash generated after the procedures carried out as per the vessel's P&A manual and they will be receiving the Pre-wash contents from the vessel (if required by the vessel's Master) for proper disposal.

4. Additionally permission from Deputy Conservator must be obtained prior importing / fixing any pollution category 'X' Noxious Liquid Substances.

TRAFFIC MANAGER

Notifying Authority:

Deputy Consevator, vide letter No. IMAR/DC/N/NLS/2020/362 dated 01-2-2020 to Traffic Manager.

Copy to: The President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association / Visakhapatnam Steamship Association / Visakhapatnam C&F Agents Association, for information please.

Copy to all BOT/PPP Operators, for information and necessary action please.

Copy to: Sr. P.S. to Chairman, for favour of information of Chairman

Copy to: P.S. to Dy. Chairman, for favour of information of Dy. Chairman

Copy to Deputy Conservator, for information please. This has reference to his office letter quoted above.

Copy to C.M.E/CE / Secretary, VPT, for favour of information please

Copy to: Joint Director, for information with a request to upload the Circular in VPT Website

Copy to: Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager / Sr. ATM (S) / ATM (S), for information

Copy to Dock Inspectors for information and necessary action.