VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

ITRA/SBS/FCIR Dt. 06-04-2020

TRADE CIRCULAR No. 1249

<u>Sub: Port Clearance for vessel that are sailing from anchorage without undertaking</u> <u>cargo work - reg</u>

Of late it is observed that several vessels are arriving at Port anchorage and sailing without being berthed in VPT. The reasons for vessels calling at Port and waiting at anchorage may be for bunkering, fresh water supply, and change of vessel ownership or any documentation purpose or due to reasons attributable to lock down on account of spread of Covid-19 virus. Such vessels are sailing from Roads / Port anchorage by taking permission from Marine Department duly informing the Traffic Department.

It is well aware that final bills for all vessels that entered into Port waters are to be generated. For this purpose, requisite documents are to be submitted in online. To facilitate timely billing, it is appropriate to take Port Clearance for the vessel that sailed from Port anchorage without undertaking any kind of cargo handling operations.

In view of the above, it is here by informed that henceforth Port Entry and Clearance is mandatory and shall be obtained for vessels arriving and sailing from Port anchorage on par with other vessels calling at this port.

C:/ PA to Chairman for kind information of Chairman

C:/ PA to Dy. Chairman for kind information of Dy. Chairman

C:/ The President Visakhapatnam Steamer Agents Association for information

C:/ The President Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association for information

C:/ The President Visakhapatnam Custom House Agents Association for information

C:/ Dy. Conservator for information and with a request not to allow sailing of any vessel from Port anchorage without obtaining valid Port Clearance from this department.

C:/ CE / CME / FA & CAO i/c for information

C:/ JD (R&P) with a request to upload the circular in VPT website.

C:/ All Sr. DTMs / DTMs and Sr. ATMs for information

C:/ ATM (SB / CB) / HA (C) for n.a.

C:/ All Port Users

C:/ ATM(Control) / DIs / QFs for information and n.a.