## VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No.ITRA/SHP/FPB

Dt.26.06.2020

## **TRADE CIRCULAR No. 1275**

Sub: Preferential allotment of Habour Mobile Crane [HMC] for servicing of vessels calling VPT under "Walk-in & Coastal Priority" category as per the Berthing Policy.

Ref: Berthing Policy of VPT circulated vide Trade Circular No. 793 dated 19-09-2017.

With a view to streamline the policy of allotment of Habour Mobile Crane [HMC] for servicing of vessels calling VPT under "Walk-in & Coastal Priority" category as per the Berthing Policy, the VPT Board has approved the following procedure for preferential allotment of HMCs for servicing of such category of vessels to be incorporated in the existing Berthing Policy of the Port:

<u>Clause:</u>
<u>Preferential allotment of Habour Mobile Crane [HMC] for servicing of vessels calling VPT under "Walk-in /coastal Priority"</u>

Vessels intending to berth under the "Walk-In/coastal Priority" category will be allowed preferential allotment of Habour Mobile Crane [HMC] for servicing, depending on the requirement of the Vessel Agent / Cargo Owner's. In the event such HMCs are already engaged for a working vessel, the same shall be re-deployed, preferentially, to the vessel that had called under "Walk-in/coastal Priority". In such situation, the former vessel will be required to continue its operation using ship's gears and engagement of VPT manpower.

For, servicing of gearless working vessels, where the HMC was deployed and subsequently the HMC is pulled out and given to the "Walk-In/coastal priority vessel", then under extreme operational situations, such vessels will either be shifted to other compatible berths for subsequent working or to Roads or anchorage for re-berthing at a later stage. Such shifting of the vessel will be treated as "Shifting/Pilotage for Port Convenience u/s 2.2.4 (3) of the Scale of Rates. However seniority of such gearless vessels, for its repositioning, will not be compromised.

The above, criteria will be effective from the date of this Trade Circular & will remain in force till further orders.  $\ \ \, \Lambda$ 

TRAFFIC MANAGER

Approving Authority: VPT Board vide Resolution No. 18/2020-21 [Agenda Item No. S-7] for the meeting dated 02-06-2020

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