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**VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST**



No. ITRA/GEN/FCoVID-19/9291

**TRADE CIRCULAR No.1281**

Dt.30.06.2020

Sub: Issues related to Lock-down on account of CoVID-19 pandemic and consequent exemption/remission on charges related to Land License fees etc.

- Ref: (i) Letter of Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India to Chairmen, Major Ports vide No. PD-13/33/2020-PPP-e-339106 dated 24-03-2020  
(ii) Letter of Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India to Chairmen, Major Ports vide No. PD-14033/4/2020-PD VII dated 21-04-2020  
(iv) This office Trade Circular No. 1253 dated 24.04.2020.

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Ministry of Shipping vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, have stated that, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India had issued order No.40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dt.24.03.2020 and subsequent order dt.14.04.2020 along with its amendments to impose lockdown from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020 to contain CoVID-19 pandemic in the country.

In the said letter 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, Ministry of Shipping had further issued directives related to exemption/remission of charges during the lock-down period and accordingly in compliance to the same Trade Circular vide 4<sup>th</sup> cited was issued by VPT.

Now consequent to the above, the matter was placed before the VPT Board during its meeting held on 02.06.2020, wherein the following were approved:

- To allow exemption/remission of License fees for short term allotment of land for storage of cargo during the lock-down period as per the Circular [No. PD-14033/4/2020-PD-VII dated 21.04.2020] issued by the Ministry of Shipping, as the "storage charges" in the VPT SoR is defined as "License (Storage) Fee".
- To allow other exemptions/remissions of charges as per the Circular No. PD-14033/4/2020-PD-VII dated 21.04.2020 of Ministry of Shipping.

Accordingly, exemptions/remissions admissible as per the Trade Circular 4<sup>th</sup> cited will be considered on case-to-case basis on specific requests from the Trade.

All concerned are requested to be guided accordingly.

  
**CHAIRMAN**

Copy to: The President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association / Visakhapatnam Steamship Association / Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Agents Association,