VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No: ITRA/SHP/FOT Dt: 19-02-2021

TRADE CIRCULAR: 1351

Sub: Dispensation of 24hrs priority norm for tanker vessels at the Oil wharfs in light of Capacity augmentation of Oil wharfs and consequent commissioning of OR-III Jetty as well as shutdown of OR-I Jetty for civil works - Reg.

The capacity augmentation work of the oil jetties is in progress for handling oil tankers carrying higher parcel size of cargo. In this regard the extended portion of the oil wharf, in continuation to OR-II i.e OR-III has been made operational w.e.f 16-01-2021 and OR-I has been decommissioned from the said date and handed over to CE department for capacity augmentation works.

Subsequent to the above developments, the OMCs operating in Visakhapatnam had represented to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways as well as to VPT for temporary dispensation of the 24 hrs Priority norms applicable at the Oil wharf (OR-I,II & III) till such time the capacity augmentation work of the oil jetties is completed and upon commissioning of all the jetties.

In light of the above and as approved by the Competent Authority of VPT, the berthing of vessels under 24 hrs priority norm at the oil jetties (presently OR-II & OR-III) will be discontinued with immediate effect. The said priority norms will again be restored upon commissioning of the augmented oil jetties upon completion of all developmental works. However, those tanker vessels that have already registered for availing of the said priority at either OR-II or OR-III will be allowed to berth as per the said norm.

Accordingly, no further application for availing 24hrs priority will be accepted from the vessel agents (from the date of issuance of this circular) and the same will remain in force till further orders or completion of the capacity augmentation works of the oil jetties, whichever is earlier.

Approving Authority:

Chairman/VPT vide note No.#6 in e-office file No: 23623 (office file No: ITRA/SHP/FOT, Dt: 17-02-2021).

C:/- P.S to Chairman , for the favor of kind information of Chairman

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C/- P.A to TM for information of Traffic Manager.

C/-President Steam ship Agents Association for wide publicity among trade

C/-President Stevedores Association with a request for wide publicity among Stevedores.

C/-President C&F agents Association for information.

C/- Dy Conservator / CE i/c for information. Please.

C/- HPCL, IOCL & BPCL for information please

C /- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and copy placed in Swatch Bharat with a request to place in Port Website

C/- Shipping Asst., Traffic Department for information and to e-.mail to All Trade.