



**VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST  
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**



No.ITRA/REV/FTARP/

dated: 18.03.2021

**TRADE CIRCULAR NO-1356**

**Sub: Poor Compliance of coverage of cargo stacks at the license plot allotted by VPT for storage /stacking of EXIM cargo – Reg.**

- Ref: 1. This office circular No. 1130, dt. 24.07.2019.  
2. This office Circular No.1216 dated: 10-02-2020.  
3. This office Circular No.1350 dated: 17.02.2021.**

Visakhapatnam Port being a bulk cargo handling ports imports and exports various cargoes. This port is continuously under the watch of APPCB & NGT is view of the residential localities adjacent to Port land.

Several measures are being taken by this organization to maintain favourable eminent conditions by setting up of sprinkling, usage of water tankers covering of cargo stacks with tarpaulin. Many circulars have been issued by various divisions of this department to Port users to:

1. To maintain stack height of not more than 6 meters.
2. To ensure covering of stacks with proper Tarpaulins.
3. It was advised that the trips of water tankers is to be doubled to control dust emission in summer.

It has been noticed during official inspections that the coverage of cargo stacks at the license plots allotted to the stakeholders for storage/stacking of EXIM cargo is not satisfactory. In spite of repeated requests made by this department and port users are not making adequate efforts to follow the directions of VPT even circulars issued vide references cited.

It may please be noted that the compliance of the guidelines issued by APPCB and other Statutory Authorities is well known to all concerned and despite levying of punitive charges for non-compliance of the said guidelines/non-coverage of the cargo stacks, the Authorities have expressed their serious concern in the matter. It may please be noted that non-compliance of the directives of the pollution control authorities might have an adverse impact on VPT, which in turn will be detrimental to all the stakeholders associated with the Port. Accordingly, lapses in coverage of cargo stacks will not be accepted under any circumstances and VPT may stop services to those stakeholders who are found defaulting on this account.

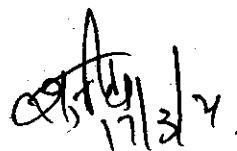
Similarly, all BOT / PPP Operator(s) are also required to ensure adequate covering of the cargo stacks at their terminal and other storage areas allotted to them outside the terminal, failing which VPT shall not permit stacking of cargo outside the terminal.

Hence, it is once again requested to adhere to the circulars and various guide lines issued by this department and to ensure that the cargo stacks are completely covered with good quality tarpaulins failing which this department will be forced to under stoppage services/cancellation of Stevedoring license for the defaulting firms.

The matter may please be treated as IMPORTANT and immediate remedial measures in this regard must be ensured by all concerned.

Approving Authority:

Chairman's Approval on E-office Note No. 23895.

Handwritten signature and date: 17/3/24

TRAFFIC MANAGER

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