

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No. ITRA/SHP/FPB

Dt.03.04.2021

TRADE CIRCULAR No. 1364


Sub: Policy for volume based priority berthing of dry bulk cargo vessels carrying assured parcel size & specific evacuation plans, at the Inner Harbour of VPT.

With a view to attract incremental cargo volumes and to ensure faster evacuation of cargo from the Port, certain measures have been adopted for granting priority berthing of dry bulk cargo vessels carrying assured parcel size with specific evacuation/shipment plans from VPT. On the said premises, it has been approved by the VPT Board to insert the following clause in the VPT Berthing Policy, wherein priority berthing will be allowed to vessels intending to load/unload 55,000 MT of cargo or more at the Inner Harbour & having specific evacuation/shipment plans from the Port.

Accordingly, priority berthing is admissible to vessels intending to load/unload 55,000 MT of cargo or more, at the Inner Harbour, subject to the following conditionality:

1. The quantity of cargo to be handled across ship-face will be 55,000 MT or more irrespective of Import or Export.
2. Priority berth hire charges will be admissible as per the Scale of Rates.
3. The cargo landed / to be shipped will be required to be evacuated /cleared from the designated license plots within 30 days from the last date of landing [LDD] (incase of Imports) / within 30 days from the date of allotment of plot for stacking of export cargo and completion of shipment (for exports) as per applicability.
4. Failure to evacuate the cargo/make shipment, within the specified period of 30 days [as stated at (3) above] will attract penalty in the form of Unauthorised Occupation Charges [UAO] for the area of the plot allotted as per TAMP notified rates.
5. The Vessel Agent intending to avail of such Priority berthing facility will be required to submit an Undertaking from the Importer/Exporter or its authorised Stevedore/Agent, to the effect that VPT and/or Indian Railways shall in no way be held responsible for any reason whatsoever in the event they [Importer/Exporter or its authorised Stevedore/Agent] fail to comply with the stipulation as at (4) above.

However, such volume based priority berthing policy will not be applicable for BOT/PPP Projects.


TRAFFIC MANAGER

Approving Authority:

VPT Board vide Resolution No. 160/2021 for the
Agenda Item No. S-1 for the 5th meeting held on 15.03.2021

Copy to: The President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association/Visakhapatnam Steamship Association/Visakhapatnam C&F Agents Association for information please, with a request to give wide publicity of the above promotional measure so as to avail of the aforesaid policy of priority berthing facility.

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Copy to: Sr. P.S. to Chairman, for favour of information of Chairman

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Copy to CME/FA&CAO/CE/Deputy Conservator, for favour of information please

Copy to: Joint Director, R&P Division, for information with a request to upload the Circular in VPT Website

Copy to: Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager(s)/DTM (C)/Sr. ATM (S)/ Sr. ATM (C) /ATM(S), for information

Copy to: Head Asst. [Commercial] / Dock Inspectors, for information and necessary action.