

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No. ITRA/ROC/FCIR

Dt. 12-04-2021

CIRCULAR- No: 1370

Sub: Non-working of siding and private godown laborers during night time –
Delay in loading and un-loading of BCN rakes at VZP - Reg.

During the discussions held with the representatives of the Trade vide Minutes Dt.23/24.11.2020 and TM's Circular Dt.29.01.2021, all the handling Agents were informed that as the Port services were declared under essential services and Port operations carried out round the clock to meet the logistic chain requirements, it is imperative that the concerned stake holders also perform on the same level to explore the possibility of round the clock working of all the sidings for wagon loading/unloading.

However, there are certain labour issues cropped up into the handling of these rakes post Covid-19 Viz., non-working of labour during night time, availability of lesser number of labour at the siding as well as godowns, inability of the handling agents to convince labour to work round the clock for various reasons.

Therefore, in view of the above, all rail users / wagon indenters/handling agents are requested to ensure round the clock handling of the covered wagon rakes placed at different sidings and to finish the loading/unloading within the prescribed free time failing which, the following actions shall be considered by VPT for avoiding detention to Rly wagons.

- a) To issue show cause notices for temporary suspension of Stevedoring license of all the defaulting Handling Agents after 15 April 2021, if they fail to un-load/load the rake round the clock, and
- b) To impose a penalty of Rs.50,000/- after the grace period of 2 hours, after the prescribed free period, for loading/un-loading besides levying of demurrage charges as per the Railway rules.

Hence, all the concerned are advised to note and act accordingly.

(Authority: Chairman's Orders in E-Office Note:23662)


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