

TRADE CIRCULAR-71886

Sub: ~~Temporary Policy for berthing of dry bulk and break bulk / bagged cargo carrying vessels at the Inner Harbour of VPT - Reg.~~

With a view to ease out the substantial number of vessels waiting for a working berth as well as to ensure quick turn-round of vessels, it has been decided that a temporary Policy for berthing of dry bulk and break bulk / bagged cargo carrying vessels at the Inner Harbour will be introduced for a trail period of 3 months to assess its impact on the overall productivity of the Port. The salient features of the policy are as follows:

1. Berthing of only Dry Bulk cargo vessels (except grain cargo), in terms of anchoring seniority and intending to work at HMC equipped berths will be considered at EQ-7, WQ-1, WQ-3 & WQ-7/8.
2. Two vessels for loading/unloading of Break Bulk/Bagged Cargo & Grain cargo (like Steel, Rice, Maize etc.,) each at EQ side (EQ-3 & EQ-4 considering to be clean cargo berths) and WQ side will be allowed berthing as per normal turn of seniority and in terms of the Berthing Policy.
3. Berthing of Dry Bulk cargo (over those mentioned at Sl. No.2) will be accorded, over the Break Bulk/Bagged Cargo & Grain cargo for the remaining berths at EQ and WQ side irrespective of their arrival/ anchoring seniority.
4. However, such policy will not be applicable for WQ-1 RE & Green Channel Berth, as these berths are not much in demand due to their limited capacity in berthing space.
5. Berthing of more than the above stipulated number of Break Bulk/Bagged Cargo & Grain cargo loading vessels (as stated at Sl. No.2 above) will be considered as per their turn of seniority when there is no demand for the idle berths for dry bulk & liquid bulk vessels.
6. The vessel Agent and the Stevedores concerned are required to endeavor for achieving the performance norms of the Port. Failure to achieve such performance, in fair weather conditions, may entail ousting of the poor performing vessel to idle berth/ anchorage at their cost and responsibility.
7. Berthing of a fresh vessel Break Bulk/Grain cargo vessel (in place of the ousted vessel), in terms their seniority, will be subject to the agent/stevedore furnishing an undertaking to the effect that the performance of such replacement vessel will be as per the productivity norms set out by the Authorities.
8. Berthing of Break Bulk/Grain cargo vessel under sl. no. 5 will be considered on the strength of similar undertakings to be furnished by the Agents/ Stevedores concerned with regard to productivity / performance achievement and non-achievement of such performance may be a reason for shifting of the vessel to idle berth/anchorage at the cost and responsibility of the Agent/Stevedore.

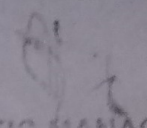
However, while implementing the above policy, there shall be adherence to the Berthing Policy of VPT as may be applicable from time to time.

The said policy has been drawn with dual objective of optimal utilization of scarce equipment and manpower resources available due to the COVID pandemic and to ensure reduction in pre-berthing delays as well as to achieve satisfactory output / incremental tonnage for the current fiscal.

The said policy will be implemented for a trial period of 3 months from 01-08-2021 and will be subject to review thereafter.

Trade partners of VPT are requested to co-operate in the matter for satisfactory implementation.

(Authority: Chairman approval dated 27-07-2021 vide E-Office File No 25092 bearing No ITRA/SHP/FPB Dt 16-07-2021)


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CI- P.S to Chairman for favor of kind information of Chairman.

CI- P.A to Dy Chairman for favor of information of Dy Chairman.

CI- P.A to TM for information of Traffic Manager.

CI- FA&CAO/Dy Conservator for information.

CI- President Steam ship Agents Association for wide publicity among trade.

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

CI- President C&F agents Association for information.

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

CI- AQF (Shp), TMO for information and to e-mail to All Trade.

