VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No: ITRA/SHP/FAMN Dt:16-11-2022

Sr. Dy Traffic Menan

TRADE CIRCULAR - 1539

Sub: Latest directions of APPCB in connection with handling and transportation of Ammonium Nitrate as well as other hazardous chemicals covered under MSIHC Rules-1989 in VPA- Reg.

Ref: APPCB Letter No: 724/APPCB/HO/UH-II/TF/VSP/2022-534, Dt: 21-10-2022

It may be informed that the ad-hoc interim permission accorded by APPCB in connection with handling and transportation of Ammonium Nitrate through VPA had expired on 28-10-2022 and in this regard, APPCB vide reference letter cited have issued fresh directions regarding handling of Ammonium Nitrate and other hazardous chemicals covered under MSIHC Rules-1989 which is reproduced below:

QUOTE:

Further, it is informed that the Visakhapatnam Port Trust shall inform and obtain permission of APPCB for unloading & handling of Ammonium Nitrate and other hazardous chemicals for each consignment at VPT premises until further orders, read with Rule 19(1) of MSIHC Rules 1989. These instructions shall be communicated to the concerned importers of Ammonium Nitrate and other hazardous chemicals covered under MSIHC Rules.

UN QUOTE:

In light of the above directions, all concerned importers/exporters, vessel agents etc., are required to be guided appropriately. It may be noted that vessels carrying hazardous cargo/chemicals covered under MSIHC Rules-1989 will not be berthed till such time permission from APPCB is obtained on vessel to vessel basis.

The above is applicable with immediate effect.

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

C/- P.A to Dy. Chairman, for favor of information of Dy. Chairman.

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

C/- CME/DC/CE/FA&CAO for information.

C/- EMO for information.

- C/- APPCB, Vijayawada for information please. This has reference to their letter quoted above.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Steamship Agents Association for information please.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association for information please.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association for information.
- C/- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and with a request to place in VPT Website.
- C/- Shipping Asst. (Traffic Department), he is directed to circulate the above to All Trade through e-mail.