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CIRCULAR NO. 1607

Sub: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for coverage of cargo stacks – Reg.

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Further to the above circular letters cited, it is once again informed that for more clarity on the subject issue a Standard Operating Procedure has been prepared as follows:

1. All types of Coals, Cokes, Lime Stone, Gypsum and Bauxite

- a. The cargo stacks shall be covered completely when no loading / unloading activity is under progress.
- b. The cargo stacks shall be partly opened when any loading / unloading activity is under progress.
- c. If railway wagons are expected for loading the cargo, the firm shall remove partially the tarpaulins, and cover the stacks after completion of loading operation.
- d. During the time of cargo operations, the firm shall ensure 100% sprinkling of cargo with water.
- e. If there is MDSS facility available the firm shall request for operating the sprinklers when cargo operation is carried out.
- f. During road movement also, the firm shall ensure sprinkling of water for dust suppression.

2. All types of Ore, including Iron ore and Manganese Ore

- a. The cargo stacks need not be covered with tarpaulin since it is of high density. However, Manganese Ore fines, which is dusty in nature must be covered with tarpaulins.
- b. During the time of cargo operations, the firm shall ensure 100% sprinkling water on cargo stacks.
- c. If there is MDSS facility available the firm shall request for operating the sprinklers when cargo operation is carried out.
- a. During road movement also, the firm shall ensure sprinkling of water for dust suppression.

3. All types of non-dusty cargoes (Excluding the above mentioned cargoes).

- a. The cargo stacks need not be covered with tarpaulin since these cargoes are of non-polluting nature.
- b. During the time of cargo operations, the firm shall ensure 100% sprinkling water on cargo stacks.
- a. If there is MDSS facility available the firm shall request for operating the sprinklers when cargo operation is carried out.
- b. During road movement also, the firm shall ensure sprinkling of water for dust suppression.

The firms shall ensure water sprinkling is done on all the stacking areas which are not provided with the MDSS system.

It is requested to ensure strict compliance of the above directions without fail.

This will supersede all other previous circulars issued in this regard.


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