

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

ITRA/ROC/FD&D

Dt: 05.04.2022

CIRCULAR NO. 1464

ALL PORT RAIL USERS

- Sub: Collection of Railway Wagon Damage & Deficiency charges on per Tonne Basis-Reg.
Ref: 1. Circular No. 1199 issued vide this officer letter No. ITRA/ROC/FD&D, Dt. 13.01.2020.
Ref: 2. Circular No. 1377 issued vide this officer letter No. ITRA/ROC/FD&D/8845, Dt. 02.06.2021.
Ref: 3. Circular No. 1380 issued vide this officer letter No. ITRA/ROC/FD&D/1148, Dt. 21.06.2021.

Vide Circulars 2nd & 3rd cited, the Month Wise per Wagon Rate for levy of the Railway Wagon Damage & Deficiency charges were circulated and necessary bills were raised on all concerned. Several representations were received from Private Rail operators, Mechanized Terminals, Liquid Cargo Handling facilities, etc for non-levy of the charges. The issue was taken up with the Indian Railways and they stated that the Private Container Rail Operators pay maintenance charges directly to the Indian Railways and they are not liable for payment of the per Wagon Rate.

An analysis of the same was done and in case the same is accepted, i.e., if Private wagons are exempted from the collection of the per Wagon charge, the overall per wagon rate will further increase and will result in additional burden to other customers.

Further, Indian Railways have also been addressing the issue of severe damages to the inward Open wagons carrying Thermal Coal, Iron Ore etc, as well as the semi-mechanically handled Open wagons, at the Port sidings. Port has also issued several notices / circulars for taking ample care during manual / semi-mechanical handling of the Railway wagons, to avoid damages, but the same has not come under control. **It is not out of place to mention the severe damages to the wagons results in their non-availability and finally impacts the supply of rakes to the Port.**

In order to address the issue, Port decided to once again adopt the earlier system of levy of Wagon Damage & Deficiency cost on per Tonne basis, for the period from June 2020 and onwards. In view of the above, the per tonne rate for Wagon Damage & Deficiency is proposed for the period for June-2020 to December-2021 as follows.

Sl.No	Terminal / System of Wagon operation	Rate per tonne in Rs.
1	VGCBPL	0.10
2	AVCTPL	0.10
3	VSPL- 8 & 9	0.50
4	TNEB	1.00
5	MANUAL IRON ORE	1.00
6	OTHERS	0.70

- (a) In respect of Heavy Repair (HR) and Derailed wagons, etc, the Damage & Deficiency charges will be collected from Port users, where applicable on the basis of actual damage cost claimed by Indian Railways in the monthly Damage & Deficiency bill.
- (b) The bills for the period from June-2020 to till the period for which bills were rendered to the Customers on per wagon basis will be revised on the above per tonne basis.

In view of the above, it is requested that all concerned ensure depositing sufficient funds with the Port for adjustment of the Damage & Deficiency charge bill amounts for the period from June 2020 and onwards.

Yours faithfully,


TRAFFIC MANAGER

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