



VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT



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TRADE CIRCULAR NO-1497

Sub: Maintaining of minimum clearances between track and cargo stacks-
Reg.

Ref: Suptd. Engineer (Rlys)'s lr. No. IENG/Rlys/Misc/2022, dt. 14.07.2022.

Off late, It is being observed that cargo handling plot holders are stacking their cargoes very close to the Railway tracks without maintaining the mandatory clearance of 1m from the edge of the sleeper or 2.5m from the centre of the railway track while cargo handling operations.

Due to stacking of cargo close to the track without leaving gap, while loading the cargo from stack yards, stack holders are digging below the railway sleepers and removing railway ballast along with their cargo which is destabilising the strength and resilience of the track and causing stagnation of water, which ultimately leading to operational problems of trains and sometimes leading lead to derailments also.

The problem was observed particularly at stack yards R-5, R-10, R-14 and route X and Y, Jetty 1 and 4, ESSAR 1 and 2 tracks. Further, the cargo is being not cleared for days together and due to non-adherence of maintaining gap from track the vehicles are moving on the track.

Due to the said reasons, maintenance of track is becoming difficult and observed settlement in tracks at few places due to stagnation of water and further damages to PSC sleepers and permanent way fittings.

In view of the above all the stack holders are requested to instruct the concerned supervisors to adhere to the norms stringently to avoid any untoward incidents or other-wise this department will be left with no option except initiating necessary action as deemed fit.

TRAFFIC MANAGER

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