

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No: ITRA/SHP/FPB
Dt: 26-09-2022

TRADE CIRCULAR: 1514

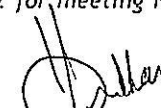
Sub: Amendment to the relevant clauses of the *Berthing Policy-2021 governing the priority/preferential berthing norm of gearless vessels at the Inner Harbour of VPA -Reg.*

With a view to optimize the performance of the HMC and to ensure satisfactory productivity, the relevant Clause in the Berthing Policy,2021, relating to criteria for availing gearless Priority norms, has been amended with the approval of the VPA Board as per the following:

Clause No	Present Policy	Amended Policy
23(C), para 3	Procedure for determining seniority/preferential berthing: Preferential berthing will be considered for dry bulk cargo vessels/gearless vessels, (over other vessels) at HMC equipped berths, irrespective of their arrival seniority. However, priority berth hire charges shall be payable as and where applicable.	Preferential/Priority berthing will be considered for Dry Bulk Cargo vessels/Gearless vessels, (over other vessels) at HMC equipped berths, irrespective of their arrival seniority, subject to the conditionality at Clause No 23(D). However, priority berth hire charges shall be payable as and where applicable.
23(D)	<u>Preferential Berthing for Gearless vessels at the Inner Harbour:</u> Preferential berthing will be considered for gearless vessels intending to work at the HMC equipped berths of the Inner Harbour. However, for such berthing priority charges will be payable as per the VPT Scale of Rates (if applicable)	Preferential/Priority berthing will be considered for gearless vessels carrying exclusively Dry Bulk Cargoes like Coal, Coke, Limestone, Fertilizer, Manganese Ore etc., intending to work at the HMC equipped berths of the Inner Harbour. Such berthing will be subject to the vessel carrying/intending to load minimum parcel size of 50,000 MT's of cargo (or more) in each voyage and will be required to be serviced exclusively with HMC and grab combinations only. Priority berthing charges will be payable as per applicability. Preferential/Priority berthing WILL NOT BE ADMISSIBLE for gearless vessels intending to discharge/load bagged cargo, Break-bulk etc., or intending to work by use of Steel bins, lifting beams, endless wire slings, regulation hooks etc., or any other support facilities as may be required for safe handling of the cargo.

The above modifications will be effected from the date of the Circular and will remain valid till further orders.

Approving Authority: VPA Board vide Resolution No.50 /2022-23 for the Agenda Item No 5-2 for meeting No.3 held on 19-09 2022.


TRAFFIC MANAGER
26/09/2022
P. HALDAR
Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager

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- 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/FA&CAO for information.
- C/- M/s Seapol Ports Pvt Ltd/ M/s TRS Lift & Shift Services Pvt Ltd.
- 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.