

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No: ITRA/SHP/FCIR

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TRADE CIRCULAR - 1568

Sub: Booking of Cargo Handling Gangs for vessels working with Ships Cranes at various multipurpose berths under operational control of VPA-Reg.

The issue of improvement of Turn Round Time of vessels and depleting productivity and OSBD performance for vessels working with Ships Cranes at the various multipurpose berths under the operational control of VPA was critically analysed by the highest Authority in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways. The poor performance of vessels working with ships gears was severally criticized by the Authorities when comparing the same with the neighbouring ports of Paradip and Haldia.

In this regard, it has been directed by the Ministry to immediately improve the performance/ productivity of such vessels working in VPA, so as to achieve the targeted norms fixed by the Ministry for individual ports. Accordingly, the stakeholders concerned, viz., the vessel agents and the stevedores are required to ensure proper cargo stowage of vessels working at Inner Harbour so as to maximise the compliments of CHD gangs offered by port in each shift. The vessels are required to operate at full capacity with the standard/maximum compliment of hooks so as to achieve satisfactory ship-day output as per the targeted norms. Working with reduced number of gangs by the stevedores citing logistics constraints like insufficient availability of dumpers, pay loaders, scarcity of staking area etc., will not be accepted on any grounds and failure to book full compliments of CHD gangs on such plea and/or breakdown of ships gears will tantamount to shifting of the vessels to Roads/other idle berths at the cost and responsibility of the Agent/Stevedore concerned.

It is requested to cooperate with Port in the above subject matter, so as to achieve satisfactory output of the working vessels.


TRAFFIC MANAGER
27/02/2023

- 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/- President Stevedores Association with a request for wide publicity among Stevedores.
C/- President, Steamer Agents Association for information.
C/- Sr DTM (CHD)/Sr ATM(S&CHD)/ ATM(S) for information and necessary action.
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.

P. HALDAR
Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager