

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY  
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No. ITRA/SHP/FCIR

Dt: 04-04-2023

TRADE CIRCULAR No:1579

Sub: Bunkering of vessels undergoing cargo operation at working berth-Reg.

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The performance parameters of working vessels in the Port is being monitored by the highest Authority in the Ministry of Port, Shipping & Waterways at the micro level for the individual Major Ports. In this regard, one of the KPI's of vessel working parameter is its TRT or the Turn-Round-Time in Port, which is at critical levels as far as VPA is concerned when compared to other Major Ports.

In this context, it is observed that one of the primary reasons attributable to increased TRT of vessels in Port is the bunkering time taken by ships, either, prior to commencement of cargo operation (after berthing) or after completion of cargo operation by way of occupying the active berth. This situation not only attributes to increase in pre-commencement and post completion idle time of vessels at working berth, but in-turn abruptly increases the overall TRT, which has been critically observed by the Authorities in the Ministry.

In light of the above, vessel Agents are hereby directed to complete bunkering operation of vessels (other than POL, crude, chemical tankers etc. that are prone to safety related issues while bunkering) during the tenure of cargo operation at berth and no additional extra time will be allowed for bunkering of the vessel at working berths. On occasions when vessels are not in a position to take bunker during the course of cargo operation will be required to shift to Roads for taking bunkers and subsequent sailing.

The above directives shall be effective immediately.

  
for TRAFFIC MANAGER  
04/04/2023  
**P. HALDAR**  
Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager

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