VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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Sub: Submission of BERMAN message in NLP Marine Portal – Reg.

Director General of Commercial Audit, Hyderabad, Audit Inquiry Ref: Reference: #12(AENQ-500838), DT.03.04.2024.

It is well aware that submission of BERMAN message in NLP Marine Portal by the agent of the vessel is mandatory for berthing of vessel at Indian Ports.

Accordingly, several circulars and instructions have been given to the agents to submit the BERMAN Message in the prescribed time prior to berthing of their respective vessels. Of late, it has been pointed out by Director General of Commercial Audit vide reference cited above, that the BERMAN Messages are being submitted in the NLP Marine Portal after boarding of the Pilot. They further state that the Maine Department sends Pilot to the vessels only after confirming its readiness for berthing. On review of the previous records it was observed that the BERMAN Message was received after the pilot boarded the vessel.

Therefore all the Steamer Agents are once again advised to submit BERMAN Message in NLP Marine Portal before boarding of Pilot. The same may be strictly adhered to in coordination with Marine Department.

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