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Sub: - Covering of all types of Bulk cargo stack piled up in the open area plots within the jurisdiction of VPA with Good Quality Tarpaulins covers -Reg.

Please refer to the aforesaid subject correspondence.

In this regard, it is to inform that during the course of inspections carried out by Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB), and by the officials of Nation Green Tribunal (NGT) and Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) to the open area plots harbouring EXIM cargo stacks, certain Non-conformities (NCs) have been raised by them owing to the alteration of Ambient Air Quality (AAQ) in the surrounding areas of such cargo stacks and the possible environmental hazardous posed by the dusty cargo stack piles stacked in the allotted open area plots.

In order to mitigate the aforementioned environmental crisis and to avoid the raising of Non-Conformities (NCs) and adverse remarks by the Statutory Bodies associated with conservation of Environment, Natural Resource and the Flora and Fauna to its full glory, this office in the past and in the recent times has intimated directions, guidelines and appropriate course of action to be implemented by the Port users for mitigating the aforementioned Environmental crisis.

However, on inspection of the scenario prevailing at the ground level it is understood that the initiatives undertaken by the concerned Port users/allottees for covering of their EXIM cargo stack piles in their allotted areas is insufficient and needs a lot to be carried out on their part so as to comply with the directions of NGT and APPCB from Environmental point of view.

As a part of this process all the concerned Port users/open area plot allottees are once again directed to strictly adhere with the policy to cover up their respective EXIM Bulk cargo stack pile with good quality Tarpaulin cover with immediate effect in view of the inspections/surprise checks scheduled to be carried out by APPCB and other Statutory Bodies in the coming days.

Any Non-compliance in this regard on part of the concerned Open area plot allottees will be viewed seriously through raising of twice the prescribed penal charges as per provisions of Sor-VPA currently in force.

Further, all the allottees are hereby requested to cover their all types of bulk cargoes i.e. Dusty cargoes and non-dusty cargoes such as Export Iron Ore, Stone Aggregate, M/ore fines, Lumps, lime Stone, Bauxite, Gypsum, Gravel, B.F.Slag etc. as has been recommended by the officials of APPCB and other Statutory Bodies.

Similarly, all BOT/PPP operators(s) are also required to ensure compliance of the aforementioned measures at their end by ensuring proper covering of the cargo stacks piled inside their terminal, with good quality Tarpaulin cover for both dusty as well as non-dusty cargoes as mentioned above.

Hence, all the Port users and all BOT/PPP operators(s) are once again here by directed to strictly comply with the afore prescribed directions related to conservation of Environmental aspects at their respective end with immediate effect and any non-compliance in this regard will be viewed seriously.

The matter may please be treated as "**Most Urgent**" and the said circular supersedes all the previous circulars issued by this office in earlier instance.

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