

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

ALL PORT USERS

No.ITRA/SHP/FPB
Dt. 31-01-2025

CIRCULAR No. 1774

Sub:- Mandatory marking of option given in POS application for availing
Priority to berth the vessels -reg
Ref:- This office circular No. 1402 dated 07-09-2021.

VPA accords various priorities to vessels arriving at this Port for handling of cargoes. During the Port Working Committee meeting held on 17-07-2021, as per the request of the Port Users, certain changes were made in the Berthing Policy and the same was communicated to the Port Users vide this office Circular cited above.

In terms of Clause No-12, Criteria for registration of Priority


“.....Any of the Priority / Ousting Priority shall be applied for, within at least 2 days’ notice period. “

In such cases, the Agents shall apply for the Priority they are opting, by means of a request letter for approval of Traffic Manager. Once the Priority request is approved by Traffic Manager, the same has to be applied on line in POS Application.

Of late it is observed that some of the Port Users are not following the above set up procedure, due to which this department is finding it difficult while according priority to vessels and whenever there are multiple requisitions for availing Priority.

Hence it is once again decided that the vessels seeking priority shall be considered for berthing on Priority only upon submission of request both online and offline. The vessels which have fulfilled both the options only shall be considered for availing Priority.

Therefore, all the Port Users are once again requested to make a note of the above and ensure that option given in POS application for availing Priority be submitted besides submitting a request letter to Traffic Manager.


TRAFFIC MANAGER i/c

- C/- P.S to Chairperson for favor of information of Chairperson.
- C/- P.A to Dy. Chairperson for favor of information of Dy. Chairperson.
- C/-P.A to TM for information of Traffic Manager.
- C/-Jt. Director (R&P) for information and request to place the circular in Port Website.
- C/- Dy. Conservator for information.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association for information please.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association, for information please.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association for information please.
- C/- Shipping Asst. (Traffic Department), to circulate the above to Trade through e-mail.