

**VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY  
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**

No. ITRA/SHP/FCIR

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**TRADE CIRCULAR No: 1839**

Sub: - Increased TRT of vessels due to Bunkering of vessels at alongside 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 Ports, 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 time taken by ships for the purpose of bunkering, 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 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 at anchorage only either before berthing or after sailing of the vessel. The above directives shall be effective immediately,

  
**TRAFFIC MANAGER**

- C/- P.S to Chairperson for favor of information of Chairperson.
- C/- P.S to Dy. Chairperson for favor of information of Dy. Chairperson
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association for information please.  
(vsaa2001@gmail.com)
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association, for information please.  
(vstevedoresassociation@gmail.com)
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association, for information please.  
(info@ycba.in)
- C/- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and request to place the circular in Port Website.
- C/- Shipping Asst. (Traffic Department), to circulate the above to Trade through e-mail.
- C/- All bunker barge operators for strict compliance.

**TRAFFIC MANAGER I**