

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

To
All Port Users

No ITRA/SHP/PHO
Dt. -09-2025

CIRCULAR No: 1864

Sub: Inspection of suspected vessels between sunrise and sunset at a distance not less than half a mile from shore- Reg.

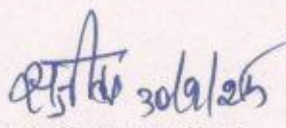
Ref: Port Health Officer, Visakhapatnam Lr.No. PHO-VSP/VPA/25/14,
Dt: 22.08.2025.

As per Rule No. 11 of the Indian Port Health Rules, 1955, sanitary and surveillance activities of suspected vessels — i.e., vessels:

- Arriving from Yellow Fever endemic countries and reaching Visakhapatnam Seaport within 30 days,
- Having death on board, or
- During Public Health Emergencies of International Concern (PHEICs), are to be conducted between sunrise and sunset in broad daylight.

The Port Health Officer (PHO), Visakhapatnam is entrusted with conducting surveillance of health and sanitary activities at the Port of Entry (POE) and port areas, including inspection of suspected vessels at a distance not less than half a mile from the shore, as per the provisions of the Indian Port Health Rules, 1955.

After completing the inspection, the PHO, Visakhapatnam will issue the necessary certificates and grant Free Pratique to such vessels. Only thereafter shall the vessels be permitted to berth at the port.


TRAFFIC MANAGER

C/- P.S to Chairperson for favor of information of Chairperson.

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C/- President, Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association for information please.
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C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association, for information please.
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C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association, for information please.
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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.