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ALL TRADE

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Sub: APPCB – National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) – Action Plan for Dust Mitigation and Levy of Penalty on Non-compliant Cargo Vehicles – Reg.

In view of the discussions held in the recently concluded Environmental Monitoring Committee (EMC) meeting held on **17.07.2026** under the Chairmanship of the EMC Chairperson & Dy. Chairperson /VPA, senior officials of APPCB, BOT/PPP/O&M Operators and other Stake holders of Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA), the following action plan has been formulated for its strict compliance so as to control emission of dust which is causing alteration of ambient air quality.

Hence in view of the above, all BOT/PPP/O&M Operators and cargo handling agencies operating within the jurisdiction of Visakhapatnam Port Authority are hereby required to strictly adhered to the below mentioned instructions and guide lines:

1. All the EXIM cargo stacks, stacked by the concerned Port users' needs to be invariably covered with coloured (**Blue / Yellow**) tarpaulin covers only.
2. No white colour stitched covers are to be used for coverage of EXIM cargo stacks by the Port users.
3. Processing of the requisitions received from the Port users for fresh allotment / re-allotment of open area / covered accommodation shall be carried out only after receipt of the confirmation of stockpile coverage with good tarpaulin covers from the respective Port users.
4. Joint inspections on weekly basis will be carried out by the VPA officials along with the concerned Port users so as to confirm the compliance of the environmental measures undertaken by the concerned Port users.
5. Adequate number of water tankers needs to be deployed by the Port users for regular sprinkling of water on and around the stack yards/stockpiles to suppress dust emissions.
6. Cut & torn tarpaulins shall be removed from the allotted plots immediately and dump the same at the designated dumping location opposite the STP near Yerra Gedda.
7. During dispatch of cargo by road, the cargo shall be loaded only up to the brim level and shall be properly covered with tarpaulin before the vehicle leaves the premises. Failure to comply, it shall attract a penalty of Rs.5,000/- per vehicle, as notified through the relevant Trade Circular.

8. In case any MDCS sprinklers or water sprinkling systems are found to be non-

9. Cargo shall not be stacked on or over the MDSS sprinklers, as this may cause damage to the sprinklers. Any such violation shall attract penalties as per the applicable Scale of Rates (SoR).

10. Parking of trucks or other vehicles on VPA roads is strictly prohibited. Operators shall ensure that vehicles are parked only in designated parking areas. Vehicles which are parked on the roads will be levied with penalty as per the provisions stipulated under SoP.

All BOT/PPP/O&M Operators, cargo handling agencies and transporters are hereby once again directed to ensure strict compliance of the same at their end and thereby lend the helping hand in combating the menace of Air Pollution and any deviation in this regard will be viewed seriously which includes levy of penalties as per the provisions stipulated under VPA SoR and all other Trade Circulars in force currently.

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28/05/2023
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