

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY

To

ITRA/SHP/AMN 1418

DT: 07.08.2026

All Port Users

CIRCULAR NO: 1974

Sub: Import and Handling of Ammonium Nitrate at Visakhapatnam Port –Suspension of Operations in compliance with the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal Order – Reg.

Ref:-1) APPCB Letter No.724/APPCB/HO/ECS/TF/VSP/2023 dated 23.04.2026.

2) VPA Circular No.1925 dated 28.04.2026.

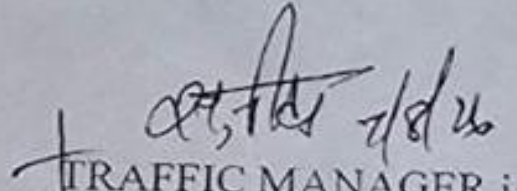
3) VPA Circular No. 1954 dated 30.06.2026.

4) Order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai in O.A. No.253 of 2024 (SZ) dated 10.07.2026.

All Port Users are hereby informed that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai, in its order dated 10.07.2026, has observed that, pending final disposal of the matter, Visakhapatnam Port Authority shall not import Ammonium Nitrate. The matter has been posted to 07.09.2026 for further hearing.

Accordingly, in compliance with the above order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, all activities relating to the import, berthing of vessels, discharge, handling, transportation and delivery of Ammonium Nitrate through Visakhapatnam Port Authority are hereby kept in abeyance with immediate effect until further orders.

This Circular shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until further orders.


TRAFFIC MANAGER i/c

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

C/- P.S to Dy. Chairperson for kind information of Dy. Chairperson.

C/- To all HoD's for kind information

C/- Safety Officer, Fire Officer for information.

C/- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and request to place the circular in Port Website.

C/- President, Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association.

C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association.

C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association.

C/- Shipping Asst. (Traffic Department), to circulate the above to Trade through e-mail.