

**VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
SAFETY WING**

No. IMEE/MOF/SO/PPE/2026-27/ 1316
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CIRCULAR

**Sub: Mandatory Wearing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) by All Employees,
Contractual Workers, Entering Operational Areas – Strict Enforcement from 26.08.2026 –
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Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) is committed to maintaining the highest standards of Occupational Safety and Health in all port operations. As per the Safety Policy of VPA and the applicable Dock Safety Regulations, all personnel working in or entering operational areas shall wear the prescribed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at all times.

A circular on the above subject was earlier issued vide this office Circular No. IMEE/MOF/SO/2160 dated 02.12.2025. However, it has been observed that compliance with the mandatory use of PPE continues to be inadequate in certain operational areas, resulting in repeated unsafe acts, near misses and accidents.

During the Management Review Meeting held on 06.08.2026, the Dy. Chairperson, VPA, reviewed the matter and directed that the mandatory use of PPE shall be strictly enforced without any exception.

Accordingly, the following instructions shall be complied with by all concerned:

1. Wearing of prescribed PPE such as Safety Helmet & Safety Shoes is compulsory for all employees, contractual workers, drivers, supervisors, vendors, service personnel and visitors entering operational/work areas.
2. With effect from 26.08.2026, no worker shall be permitted to enter the Port operational areas without wearing the prescribed PPE for working in Dock area
3. Commandant, CISF is requested to issue necessary instructions to all CISF personnel deployed at all CISF Entry Gates and RFID Gates to strictly enforce the above directions.
4. All Heads of Departments, Terminal Operators, PPP/BOT Operators, Contractors, Stevedores, Shipping Agents and other stakeholders shall ensure that adequate PPE is provided to their employees/workers and that compliance is monitored on a daily basis.

This circular shall come into force with effect from 26.08.2026, and all concerned shall ensure strict compliance in the interest of safety and prevention of accidents.


Chief Mechanical Engineer

Copy to:

1. PS to Dy. Chairperson – for kind information of Dy. Chairperson.
2. All Heads of Departments – for strict compliance and wide publicity.
3. Traffic Manager – for circulation among Shipping Agents, Stevedores, Contractors and Trade, instruct the Berth AQF's to ensure the same
4. Commandant, CISF – to issue necessary instructions to all CISF personnel deployed at all CISF Gates & RFID Gates for strict enforcement with effect from 26.08.2026.
5. All PPP/BOT/O&M Terminal Operators – for strict compliance.
- ✓ 6. Asst. Director (R&P) – to upload the circular on the VPA website.
7. Safety Wing – for information and close monitoring.