

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

To

ITRA/SHP/IPA/CIR
DT: 29.09.2026

All Port Users

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Sub: MSW-Sagar Setu-FOIS Integration: Regular Submission of Container Pendency (CONTPE) and Bulk Pendency (BULKPE) Messages – Reg.

Ref: Indian Ports Association (IPA) e-mail dated 10.09.2026

The trade is hereby informed that MSW-Sagar Setu is integrated with the Freight Operations Information System (FOIS) of Indian Railways to transmit various port-related operational messages, including Container Pendency (CONTPE) and Bulk Pendency (BULKPE) messages.

The Container Pendency (CONTPE) message captures details of containers available at the Port/Terminal and planned for onward movement, including by rail. The Bulk Pendency (BULKPE) message similarly captures details of bulk and break-bulk cargo pending at the Port/Terminal premises and proposed for onward transportation. These messages provide FOIS with the port-side cargo pendency information required to plan and schedule railway freight operations.

It has been observed by IPA that these messages are not being entered and transmitted regularly by certain Ports/Terminals. Irregular or non-submission of such data results in incomplete or delayed availability of port-side cargo pendency information in FOIS and may affect effective planning of freight operations.

All Terminal Operators/PPP Operators and other concerned trade users are, therefore, directed to ensure that:

- i. Container Pendency and Bulk Pendency data are entered accurately and on a regular and timely basis in the respective POS/TOS/EBS, as applicable; and
- ii. the said data is transmitted to MSW-Sagar Setu through the available APIs on a real-time basis, so as to enable the corresponding CONTPE and BULKPE messages to be transmitted from MSW-Sagar Setu to FOIS through the existing system integration.

Concerned Port/Terminal teams are further requested to periodically verify the successful transmission and receipt of these messages and to promptly resolve any data-entry, field-mapping, API, or integration-related issues, so as to ensure uninterrupted and complete availability of the required information in FOIS.

For smooth coordination and liaison in this regard, the designated Single Point of Contact (SPOC) from the Indian Ports Association is:

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All concerned are requested to accord this matter priority and ensure strict compliance.

This Circular shall come into force with immediate effect


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- 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/-Jt. Director (R&P) for information and request to post the circular in Port Website.
- C/- All BOT / PPP / O&M Operators for strict compliance
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Steam Ship Agents Association for information please.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association, for information please.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association for information please.
- C/- Shipping Asst. (Traffic Department), to circulate the above to Trade through e-mail.