

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

To

ITRA/SHP/APPCB/CIR

DT: 28.09.2026

All Port Users

CIRCULAR NO: 1993/2026

Sub: Control of dust pollution during cargo handling and transportation – Proper covering and tying of cargo transporting vehicles with tarpaulin –
Directions of the District Collector and APPCB – reg.

Ref: 1. District Collector's Meeting held on 07.07.2026.
2. APPCB Inspection dated 19.08.2026.

With reference to the directions issued at the District Collector's Meeting held on 07.07.2026 and pursuant to the inspection carried out by the Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) on 19.08.2026, all Trade members, Importers/Exporters, Steamship Agents, Transporters, Stevedores and Cargo Handling Agencies are informed that cargo transporting wagons/trucks entering, exiting, or moving within Port premises shall be fully covered and the covers tied properly with ropes, so as to prevent dust emission and spillage of cargo.

The covering of tarpaulin and tying of ropes shall be done completely and securely, covering the entire cargo body of the vehicle. Only tarpaulin covers shall be used for this purpose.

It has been observed that most of the vehicles used for internal transport of cargo within the Port are not being completely covered, and that some truck drivers are using green agro mesh, used cement bag covers, or other improper materials in place of tarpaulin. Use of such materials is strictly prohibited. Transporters/agencies and truck drivers shall use tarpaulin covers only, tied perfectly, both for cargo movement into/out of the Port as well as for internal transport within Port premises.

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CISF has been instructed to inspect the covering of tarpaulin and tying of ropes on cargo vehicles at the exit points. Vehicles found without proper tarpaulin covering, or covered with agro mesh/cement bag covers or other unauthorised material, are liable to be detained/denied exit/entry until proper covering is ensured.

All Port Users and their transport contractors shall accordingly instruct their drivers and staff to comply strictly with the above, in the interest of dust pollution control and to avoid action by APPCB/other statutory authorities. Any vehicle found violating these directions shall render the concerned Trade member/transporter liable for penal action as may be deemed necessary by this Authority.

All concerned are requested to give wide publicity among their staff, drivers and transport contractors, and to ensure strict compliance.


TRAFFIC MANAGER

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

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C/- Commandant / CISF for information please and necessary action

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

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.