



VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST  
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT



No.ITRA/REV/FCIR/

dated: 10-02-2020

**TRADE CIRCULAR NO-1216**

Sub: Remarks of the bench before the National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai in the matter of Application No. 68 of 2015[SZ] heard on 03-01-2020, pertaining to handling of dusty cargo in VPT.

Ref: Order dated 03-01-2020 of the NGT, South Zone, Chennai in the subject application.

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National Green Tribunal had given an Order Dt. 03-01-2020, where in it has been directed by the Tribunal to follow certain norms related to stacking of cargo at the plots.

In view of the above, the following measures have to be taken by the Port Users including BOT / PPP Terminals to ensure that no adverse comments are received from Pollution Control Board.

1. 100% coverage of the cargo stacks with tarpaulins.
2. Maintain the stack heights within the permissible limit.
3. Continuous sprinkling of water on the cargo stacks at the stacking yards in order to suppress the dust.
4. Removal of cut and Torn Tarpaulins from the stackyards

Any deviation from the above would attract stringent penalty that has been contemplated to be levied on the Port and its Users for non-compliance of the above norms for mitigating pollution related issues. Moreover, the Tribunal has observed to even impose restraint from the respondent Port from handling Coal cargo and have directed the respondent Port [VPT] to set right all the aforesaid issues prior to its next hearing scheduled on 05-03-2020.

In this regard, all concerned Stevedores & licensees of plots availing plot storage facility from VPT is further directed to furnish weekly status of compliance report to the Chairman & Dy. Chairman, VPT under intimation to the undersigned & TASK Force Team. Deviation from the above will be viewed seriously, wherein Port may contemplate imposing "Stoppage of Services" on the concerned agency, found defaulting on the above compliance.

**Approving Authority:**

Chairman's Approval on UO Note No. ITRA/REV/FCIR dated 04-02-2020

  
**TRAFFIC MANAGER**

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Copy to :PA to Deputy Chairman- for favour of information of Deputy Chairman.

Copy to: The President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association / Visakhapatnam C&F Agents Association.

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