



**VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**



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CIRCULAR NO-1458

Sub: Compliance of coverage of cargo stacks at the license plot allotted by VPT for storage /stacking of EXIM cargo – Reg.

Visakhapatnam Port being a bulk cargo handling ports, handles both import and export cargoes. This port is continuously under the watch of APPCB & NGT in view of the residential localities adjacent to Port land.

Several measures are being taken by this organization to maintain favourable eminent conditions by setting up of sprinkling, usage of water tankers, covering of cargo stacks with tarpaulin. Many circulars have been issued by various divisions of this department to Port users to:

1. To maintain stack height of not more than 6 meters.
2. To ensure covering of stacks with proper Tarpaulins.
3. To increase the trips of water tankers to control dust emission in summer.

It is noticed during official inspections that the coverage of cargo stacks at the license plots allotted to the stakeholders for storage/stacking of EXIM cargo is not satisfactory. In spite of repeated requests made by this department and port users are not making adequate efforts to follow the directions of VPT even circulars issued vide references cited.

It may please be noted that non-compliance of the directives of the pollution control authorities might have an adverse impact on VPA, which in turn will be detrimental to all the stakeholders associated with the Port. Accordingly, lapses in coverage of cargo stacks will not be accepted under any circumstances and VPA may stop services to those stakeholders who are found defaulting on this account.

Also the roads within the stack yards are left in dry condition leading to flying of fine dust whenever there is any vehicle movement in the stack yards. It is once again advised to deploy sufficient waster tankers to sprinkle water in the yards to avoid such pollution during vehicular movement.

It is once again requested to adhere to the circulars and various guide lines issued by this department and to ensure that the cargo stacks are completely covered with good quality tarpaulins and sprinkling of water on the stacks in the stack yards in view of the ensuing summer, failing which this department will be forced to under stoppage services/cancellation of Stevedoring license for the defaulting firms.

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