VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No. ITRA/REV/FIRON ORE Dt. 24.07.2019.

CIRCULAR No. 1132

Sub: Entry of Iron Ore Fines for shipment through Visakhapatnam Port Trust – Reg.

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All concerned are aware that the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India had issued guidelines to Major Ports for checking of various documents to prevent entry & export of illegally mined Iron Ore Fines from Major Ports.

Accordingly, Visakhapatnam Port Trust, Visakhapatnam took initiatives for implementation of the same. As per the request of many Iron Ore exporters as well as their Associations, the appropriate authority of VPT, has formulated a checklist for entry of Iron Ore Fines into the port which includes cargo from mining state of Odisha, Chhattisgarh & Jharkhand as well as cargo originating from various sources within the state of Andhra Pradesh located in other states of the country and the same has been resolved by BOARD / VPT vide resolution No. S-18 dated 09.07.19.

It is hereby informed to all concerned that exporters/firms who are already exporting mining Iron Ore Fines through VPT or new exporters intending to export Iron Ore Fines through VPT need to adhere to the checklist (copy enclosed) for entry & export of Iron Ore fines through VPT for the purpose of shipment.

Encls: As stated.

for **TRAFFIC MANAGER**
25/7/19.

Copy to PS to Chairman for kind information of Chairman
Copy to: PS to Dy.Chairman for kind information of Dy.Chairman.
Copy to: All Trade – for information.
Copy to: President, Visakhaptnam Stevedores Association, VSP -for information.
Copy to: Chairman, Visakhapatnam Steamship Agents Association, VSP – for information.
Copy to: Secretary, Visakhapatnam Charter Ship Agents Association, VSP.- for information.
Copy to: President, Visakhapatnam Customs Clearing & Forwarding Agents Association, VSP – for information.
Copy to: PA to TM – for information of TM please.
Copy to: All Officers – for information.
Copy to: All Dock Inspector's – for strict compliance.
Copy to: Joint Director (R & P) for necessary action for hoisting on to VPT website.
Copy to: Shipping Asst. for necessary action to send email to all trade.

ANNEXURE-I

Checklist for entry of Iron-Ore Fines inside VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST, VPT,

Category I:

Document checking for Iron ore Fines, originating from other States (Odisha & Jharkhand) brought to VPT by the Exporters directly for export.

I. Copy of registration certificate with the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM).

II. Copy of registration of the Mines owners / Lessees (Exporters) in the respective State for dealing in Iron-Ore / Mineral Ore.

III. Copy of license of the Exporter procuring ore from Odisha from the concerned Mining Circle under the Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling & Illegal Mining & Regulation of Possession, Storage, Trading & Transportation) Rules, 2007 (OMPTS Rules 2007).

IV. Apart from the above, following documents would be produced for trucks carrying Iron Ore Fines from Odisha & Jharkhand at the time of direct entry into the Port:

a. The original TP (Transit Pass-Odisha) / Mining Challan (Jharkhand) in requisite form along with a photocopy of the same (Form "M" under the O.M. Rules 2007).
b. The Blue Book of Lorry / truck for carrying capacity of the vehicle (for direct entry only).
c. The Weighment Challan of the truck to prove that the same has not been over loaded.
d. The RR if the cargo is moving in by railways.

In case of local shifting of cargo by the Exporter from storage yards outside to the bonded area into dock, the following additional documents will be required:

a. A statement detailing the cargo moved from the mines & to the local storage yards outside the dock data-wise & vehicle-wise (to be certified by the handling agent).
b. Particulars of the cargo to be shifted from the outside storage area into the dock using local dumpers date-wise & vehicle-wise (to be certified by the handling agent).

Category-II

Document checking for Iron Ore Fines originating from other States (Odisha & Jharkhand) being procured by the Traders / Licensee (other than Mine Owners / Lessees) and brought into VPT for exports:

I. Copy of the certificate or registration with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM).

II. Copy of the Registration of the agencies (selling & buying) in the respective State for dealing in Iron-ore.

III. Copy of license of agencies selling & buying Iron-ore from Odisha from the concerned Mining Circle under the Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling & Illegal Mining & Regulation of Possession, Storage, Trading & Transportation) Rules 2007 (OMPTS Rules 2007).

IV. Copy of the certificate of registration of the agencies (selling & buying) in the State of ANDHRA PRADESH (from whether the cargo is being exported).

V. In addition, for the trucks carrying Iron Ore Fines from other states (Odisha & Jharkhand), the following documents should also be furnished in case of direct entry into the Port.

   a. The original Transit Pass (TP – Form-G under the O.MN. rules 2007) / Mining Challan (Jharkhand) along with a photocopy of the same.
   b. The Blue Book of lorry / truck for the carrying capacity of the vehicle (for direct entry only)
   c. The Weighment challans
   d. The RR, if the cargo is moving in by railways and unloaded outside the dock.

In case of local shifting of cargo from the outside storage yards to the bonded area inside the dock by the traders themselves or their trading partners, the following additional documents will be required:

I. Seller's declaration of selling of cargo with a detailed statement of cargo against the TPs, Transport / mining Challans / Tax invoice.

II. Buyer's declaration of buying the cargo, confirming that the cargo has been purchased from the seller.

III. Declaration that no 'VAT" is leviable as Form – H will be issued by the buyer / exporter from the seller / trader.

IV. Application of the buyer / exporter for permitting dock entry of the said tonnage against the TP through local dumpers with an undertaking that they would furnish details of cargo entered through Port daily.

V. Particulars of the cargo to be shifted from the outside storage area into the dock using local dumpers date-wise & vehicle-wise (to be endorsed by the handling agent).

Category-III.

Document checking for Iron Ore Fines originating from the Crushers / Blast furnaces / Sponge Iron & Steel plants located in ANDHRA PRADESH and brought to VPT for exports:

I. Copy of the Registration of the agencies (buying and selling the cargo) in the State of ANDHRA PRADESH (from where the cargo is exported).
II. Copy of the certificate of registration of the Buyer & Selling under IBM.
III. Copy of the Form "12-A" to be submitted after completion of the export by the buyer (exporter).
IV. Copy of the declaration of sale of cargo or Delivery order by the seller (similar to those attached as Appendix-I or II respectively).
V. Copy of the Tax Invoice / Consignment Advice.
VI. Weighment Challan.
VII. Copy of Blue Book for carrying capacity of the vehicle in case of direct entry into the Port.
VIII. The buyer should give a Declaration-cum-Indemnity on a Non Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.50/- duly Notarised that the Iron ore fines so procured is not illegally mined Iron Ore fines and in the event the same is found to be from any illegal sources by any authority, the buyer will be solely responsible for the same. In such case, the concerned authorities including VPT, ANDHRA PRADESH can take any punitive action against the buyer (enclosed as appendix-III).
IX. Simultaneously, Indian Railways may be suitably informed by VPT, ANDHRA PRADESH of the Iron Ore Fines transaction between the seller and the buyer company within West Bengal for exports.

In case of local shifting of cargo from the outside storage yards to the bonded area inside the dock, the following additional documents will be required:

a) A statement detailing the cargo moved from Crushers / Blast Furnaces / Sponge Iron & Steel Plants in ANDHRA PRADESH to storage yards outside the dock, date-wise & vehicle-wise (to be endorsed by the handling agent).
b) Particulars of the cargo to be shifted from the outside storage area into the dock using local dumpers date-wise & vehicle-wise (to be endorsed by the handling agent).

Category-IV:

Documents checking for entry of iron ore fines for shipment through VPT sourced from Sponge-Iron Plants, Crushers, Blast Furnaces, Steel Plants etc. located in the state of Utter Pradesh or any other state (other than the State of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha & Jharkhand)

For facilitating entry of such cargo received from Iron-Ore fines for sourcing from Sponge-Iron Plants, Crushers, Blast Furnaces, Steel Plants etc. located in the state of Uttar Pradesh / Chhattisgarh or any other state (other than the state of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha & Jharkhand) for shipment through VPT, it has been decided that the following documents are to be furnished by the Exporters or their handling /Clearing & Forwarding Agents:

i. Copy of the Registration of the agencies (buying or selling the cargo) in the state of AP (from where the cargo is exported)
ii. Copy of the certificate of registration of the Buyer & Seller under IBM.
iii. Copy of the form "12-A to be submitted after completion of the export by the buyer (exporter)
iv. Copy of the declaration of sale of cargo or Delivery Order by the seller (similar to those as per enclosed **Appendix-I or II respectively).**
v. Copy of the Tax Invoice / Consignment Advice.
vi. Weighment Challan.
vii. Copy of Blue Book for carrying capacity of the vehicle in case of direct entry into the Port.
viii. The Buyer/exporter should give a Declaration-cum-Indemnity on a Non Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 50/- duly notarized that the Iron Ore fines so procured is not illegal mined Iron Ore fines and in the event the same is found to be from any illegal sources by any authority, the buyer will be solely responsible for the same. In such case, the concerned authorities including VPT can take any punitive action against the Buyer. (enclosed **Appendix-III)**
ix. Copy of the registration (trade licenses) of the agencies (buying and selling the cargo in the State of origin.
x. Inward Way Bills of the exporters issued by the Commercial Taxes Department Govt. of Andhra Pradesh.
xi. Coy of the Railway Receipt (RR) of the Seller indicating the source of the CLO.

The above is for guidance of all concerned in the matter.

Appendix-I

(Name, Address & other particulars of the Seller in their letter head format)

No. Date:

TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that M/s. Selling company name) is receiving Iron Ore from captive mines of M/s. Mine Owner's / Lessee's Name) situated in the states of Jharkhand/ Orissa for which Royalties are being paid at the statutory rates applicable on the date of dispatch by the respective mines.

Iron Ore is screened at our Factory / Crusher and the under fraction/fines segregated there from being sold through auction/sale offer since these cannot be used in our Factory / Crusher in absence of sintering /processing facilities.

We have issued Delivery Order No. dt._____ for _____ Metric Tonne of above materials in favour of M/s._____ & are to be received at Visakhapatnam Port Trust by M/s.(_____) and they have been lifting the above materials from our Factory / Crusher against the aforesaid Delivery Order.

(Name & Particulars of the Seller with Stamp)

Appendix – II

(Name, Address & Other particulars of the Seller in their letter head format)

WORK ORDER / DELIVERY ORDER

DO No.:	DO Date	DO valid upto:	
Officer Letter No.		Date:	
Tender officer No.		Date:	
Indenter is hereby authorised to collect following materials from works at their cost & arrangement subject to the general terms and conditions of the tender / officer document and in the conditions set forth hereunder:-			
INDENTOR		CONSIGNEE & DESTINATION	
VAT No.	PAN	TIN No.	
Advance:		EMD Amt.:	
MR No.:	MR Date:	Mr No.:	MR Date:
Sales Tax %: VAT		Excise Duty: %	ED Cess: %
TCS %	Surcharge on TCS %	Educational Cess on RCS & S/C %	
T.O.P. : 100% as advance	SD Amount	MR No.	MR Dt.
Product: Iron Ore Fines Section: Location: Lot No.:		Quantity	Ruling Ex. Works price Excluding E D & S Tax (Rs. Per MT)
Loading Type :		Processing:	
Special Instruction	VAT IS NIL AS THE CUSTOMER REQUIRESTED US THAT THEY WILL SUBMIT FORM 12A WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE DO ON RECIEPT OF FORM 12A. THE VAT AMOUNT WILL BE REFUNDED AS PER APPROVAL OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY.		
Prepared By		Signed for	
Checked By	Signature of the receivers representatives		

Note: A) Delivery not to exceed the booking quantity (B) Consignee & Designee & Destination to be mentioned in Delivery challans

Appendix-III

INDEMNITY BOND on Non+Judicial Stamp Paper

To be given in presence of a notary public

KNOW all men by these present We/I, _____, son of Sri. _____ having registered office / residing at _____ working as Proprietor/Partner/Director etc. of the Company (Buyer), do hereby jointly and severally bound to Visakhapatnam Port Trust, Visakhapatnam to the extent of each and every consignment, as and when we/I, shall export any Iron Ore Fines by using the facilities and Infrastructures as may be provided by said VPT during such export facilities, We/I bind ourselves and also our respective heirs, executors, administrators and representatives jointly and severally by these presents in case our such exports activities found contrary to the guidelines of the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India.

Sealed with our seals this _____ day of _____20

WHERAS:

1. We/I, are/am aware of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India from time to time, in connection with checking of document for preventing export of illegal mined Iron Ore Fines out of the Country. We/I, are/am also aware that the steps taken by VPT to check documents like Transit Pass (TP)/Transport Challan (TC)/Railway Receipt (RR) Issued by the Mining Authorities as well as Railway Authorities before allowing entry of such Iron Ore Fines into the Port.
2. We/I, further declare and agree to Indemnify the VPT that in case any Iron Ore Fines is found to be from the illegal source out of the _____MTs of Iron Ore Fines to be brought into the Port for shipment through VPT by our /my company _____ for export purpose is originating out of a sale transaction of Iron Ore Fines within the state of Andhra Pradesh but outside the port premises from M/s. _____ of _____,a company duly registered in the state of Andhra Pradesh following the relevant provisions of Central Excise/Commercial Taxes rule of the country within the state of Andhra Pradesh.

3. We/I, further declare that our company has verified the genuineness of _____MTs of Iron Ore fines being purchased for export through VPT per prevalent relevant rules of the country.
4. We/I, further declare and agree to indemnify the VPT that in the event any quantity out of _____MTs of Iron Ore Fines so brought into/shipped through VPT is proved to be from illegal mined /transacted sources at any stage of transaction, by any authority, we/I, and our/my, company will be held responsible for any eventually /consequences to be decided by the appropriate authority of the state/country as well as VPT and the concerned authority including VPT can, take any punitive action against me/our company.
5. We/I, further declare that we/I, and our/my company as the buyer of _____ MTs Iron Ore fines within the state of Andhra Pradesh as well as the exporter fo the said cargo through VPT, indemnify VPT, from any loss caused to it/its employees due to actions, penalties etc. that may arise from our export of the said _____MTs Iron Ore Fines, for which we/I & our/my Company shall remain solely responsible and accountable.

We/I further declare that all the statements made herein above are true and correct to the best of our/my knowledge and belief.

Signed, sealed and delivered

Witnesses	Sureties
1.	1.
2.	2.