

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No.ITRA/SBS/FHMC

dated. 25.11.2019

TRADE CIRCULAR No. 1177

Sub: Modalities for hiring of HMC for servicing of vessels with HMC at the designated berths.

With a view to streamline the procedure towards payment of HMC hire charges for availing the services of the HMC installed at the HMC equipped berths of VPT as well as to avoid GST related complications, the VPT Board has approved opening of an Escrow Account by the Service Provider of the HMCs, namely M/s. TRS Lifts & Shift Services Pvt. Ltd. & M/s. Seapol Ports Pvt. Ltd. with the designated banks.

In light of the decision taken by the Board and in terms of the respective Escrow Agreement entered into between VPT, State Bank of India & M/s. TRS Lifts & Shift Services Pvt. Ltd. as well as between VPT, Corporation Bank & M/s. Seapol Ports Pvt. Ltd. the Stakeholders intending to avail of the services of the HMCs for working their vessels at HMC equipped berths will be required to observe the following payment procedure towards HMC hire charges, prior to berthing of their vessels destined to work at the stated berths by utilizing the HMC:

1. The Importer/Exporter or its authorized representative intending to hire the HMC will make an application to the Traffic Manager stating therein the particulars of the vessel, tentative tonnage, ETA etc for payment of the required hire charges through the Escrow Bank Account, as stated, on ad-hoc basis. The particulars of the Bank Account are as follows:

For Hiring HMC a/c M/s. TRS Lifts & Shift Services Pvt. Ltd.	For Hiring HMC a/c M/s. Seapol Ports Pvt. Ltd.	
The State Bank of India Visakhapatnam Port Branch Escrow Account No: 38696525297	WQ-1[replacement HMC] Corporation Bank Chennai George Town Branch Account No. 510331001337203 IFSC Code:CORP0000005	EQ-7 [replacement HMC] & WQ-3 Corporation Bank Chennai George Town Branch Account No. 510331001337212 IFSC Code:CORP0000005

2. The payment into the designated bank Escrow Account may be carried out electronically or through any other established procedures for bank remittances.
3. Upon deposit of the stipulated HMC hire charges as stated at (1) & (2) above, the Hirer of the HMC will produce proof of bank remittance to M/s. TRS Lifts & Shift Services Pvt. Ltd or M/s. Seapol Ports Pvt. Ltd [as the case may be] and furnish a copy of the same to Traffic Department.
4. The said proof of bank remittance, as stated at (3) above will form part of the checklist for qualifying in vessel's readiness for calling at a designated berth. The proof of payment along with all other mandatory documents [forming part of the checklist] will be required to be uploaded in the on-line POS Module of VPT as per the existing procedure.

5. It may be noted that a vessel's intending to work with HMC at the designated berths will not be considered ready for calling unless the above procedure for payment of HMC hire charges is complied with by the concerned Stakeholder.
6. Upon completion of vessel's operation the actual HMC hire-charges will be reconciled based on the Final Draft Survey Quantity [incase of Import] or Mate's Receipt Quantity [incase of export] as the case may be.
7. In the event the actual HMC hire charges is more than the ad-hoc amount already deposited by the stakeholder, then the differential amount will be required to be paid by the equipment hirer as per the procedure stated from (1) to (3) above.
8. In the event of excess ad-hoc payment, the Hirer of the HMC will claim refund from the HMC Operator duly enclosing the survey quantity report along with proof of ad-hoc payment. The HMC Operator will put up the reconciled statement along with draft survey quantity to Traffic Manager for refund. Traffic Department will scrutinize the documents so furnished by the HMC Operator & forward the same to Finance Department for confirmation. Upon conformation by Finance Department, the HMC Operator will refund the excess amount to the Hirer.

The above guidelines will be effected immediately and the same supersedes all other Circulars issued earlier in this regard.


TRAFFIC MANAGER

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Copy to TRS Lift & Shifts Services Pvt. Ltd. & M/s. Seapol Ports Pvt. Ltd for information & necessary action.

Copy to Sr. P.S. to Chairman, for favour of information of Chairman

Copy to P.S. to Dy. Chairman, for favour of information of Dy. Chairman

Copy to CME, for information please. This has reference to his letter No. IM&EE/MOF/HMC/EA/4478 dated 27.09.2019

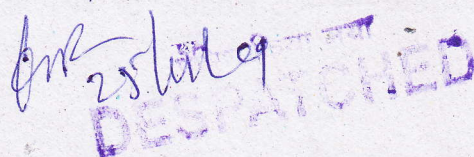
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