

**TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**

No.ITRA/SBS/FIH

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**TRADE CIRCULAR No. 1204**

**Sub: Review of criteria for charging Berth Hire component of Vessel Related Charges [VRC] for vessels that work at EQ Side**

In supersession of the earlier Circular issued on the subject matter, it may be informed that the VPT Board has approved the following criteria for charging Berth Hire component of Vessel Related Charges [VRC] for vessels that work at EQ Side:

- (a) *Non-Crane berth hire charges will be applicable for all vessels [irrespective of dry bulk/break bulk / palatalized / unitized/bag] that are serviced at EQ side using ship's gears.*
- (b) *Crane berth-hire charges will be applicable when such vessels are serviced using Electrical Cranes [ELL] of VPT.*
- (c) *Where a combination of HMC and Electrical Cranes [ELL] are worked on a particular vessel [due to reasons of breakdown of HMC], pro-rata Crane Berth Hire will be applicable for the duration [hours] when the ELL crane had serviced the vessel. For working time beyond such ELL working hours, Non-Crane Berth Hire will be applicable. However, billing will be done on per shift basis, irrespective of the number of hours worked in one particular shift.*
- (d) *Where a combination of Ships Cranes and ELL Cranes is worked on a particular vessel [due to reasons of breakdown of ELL Cranes], the same principal as at (C) above will be applicable, wherein pro-rata crane berth hire charges will be leviable for the duration [hours] when the vessel was serviced with ELL Cranes. For working time beyond such ELL working hours Non-Crane Berth Hire will be levied. However, billing will be done on per shift basis, irrespective of the number of hours worked in one particular shift.*
- (e) *When a combination of Ship's Cranes & HMC is used for servicing a vessel [due to reasons of breakdown of HMCs], Non-Crane berth hire charges will be applicable, irrespective of the mode of servicing of the vessel.*

The above, criteria will be effective from 01-02-2020 and will remain in force till further orders in the matter.

**TRAFFIC MANAGER**

***Approving Authority: VPT Board vide Resolution No. 172/2019-20 [Agenda Item No. S-30] for the meeting dated 30-12-2019***

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