

**VISAKHAPATNAM PORTTRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**

No. ITRA/SHP/FCIR

Dt: 28-02-2020.

TRADE CIRCULAR No: 1225

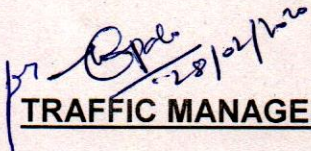
Sub: Styrene monomer cargo - Reg.

Ref: Dy Conservator Lr No. IMAR/FSS/58/2020/118, Dt: 19-02-2020.

In view of the explosion and subsequent fire onboard on a chemical tanker "m.t STOLT GROENLAND" carrying Styrene Monomer which occurred on 28-09-2019, Ulsan, Republic of Korea, the following points are to be strictly followed to avoid any untoward incidents while handling Styrene monomer vessels in Visakhapatnam Port Trust(VPT). The master of the vessel required to submit an undertaking to that extent to Deputy Conservator, Visakhapatnam Port Trust prior to berthing of the vessel in VPT complying with the followings.

1. Adhere to the carriage and storage instructions details as per the safety data sheet, the certificate of inhibitor, and those provided by the charterer.
2. Witness the addition of inhibitor into each cargo tank.
3. Closely monitor cargo temperature for unexplained increases.
4. Ensure that the crews are familiar with the action to take in the event of the styrene monomer self-heating /polymerizing.
5. SOP for handling, storage and transportation should be made available at the vessels manifold area.

(Authority: Dy.Conservator Lr No. IMAR/FSS/58/2020/118, Dt: 19-02-2020).


TRAFFIC MANAGER

C:- P.S to Chairman , for the favor of kind information of Chairman

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C/- P.A to TM for information of Traffic Manager

C:- Dy. Conservator for information w.r.t the referred letter cited.

C :- Jt. Director (R&P) for information and copy placed in Swatch Bharat with a request to place in Port Website.

C/-President Steam Ship Agents Association for wide publicity among trade

C/-President Stevedores Association & request for wide publicity among Stevedores.

C/-President C&F agents Association for information.

C/- Commissioner of Customs for information.

C/- D.I (C) /D.I (G) D.I (J) for wide publicity with a copy in the Notice Board.

C/- AQF(Shp) ,TM Office for information and to e-mail to All Trade.