

VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST  
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

ALL PORT USERS

No. ITRA/GEN/FSFTY  
Dt. 27-07-2020.

TRADE CIRCULAR NO- 1293

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Ref: S.E & Safety Officer Lr.No.ICME / MOF/SO/3528, Dt.09.07.2020.

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2. A properly trained signal man only to be used either from CHD or from the company
3. Only the standard signal system is to be adopted to avert confusions while lifting loads
4. Winch man / crane operator shall understand the signals given from the lower positions and then he should respond accordingly.
5. No duplicate signals are allowed by any worker. Only a nominated signal man is to give the signals to the winch operator.
6. No duplicate signals are allowed by any worker in the group. Only the nominated signal man should give the signals to winch operator.
7. VHF hand sets are to be given to the signal men and the crane operator for better communication as the distance between both of them is more.
8. A florescent, LED lights Green / Red colour batten are to be provided for the signal men for better visibility during night operations.
9. S.O.P of steel cargo is to be read out by the respective supervisor of the gangs before commencement of every shift.
10. Additional lighting is to be provided inside the hatch for handling the steel plates. All those labourers working during 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts should wear helmets with head lights like the one's used in Coal Mines.
11. Mazdurs are to maintain a clear distance from the loads while lifting
12. Lifting gear shall be checked by the handling agent for any kinks, damages or for open strands at splicing etc., and to be replaced immediately.
13. The Tandale or the respective supervisor is to ensure that no person is allowed to move / stand under the loads being lifted
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16. Staff posted for the work shall remain at their designated locations and absence without proper permission shall be taken to disciplinary action.
17. Handling agent shall maintain a good co-ordination with the ship's staff to prevent untoward incidents on board the vessel.
18. Transport staff shall not be permitted to sit in the cabin while loads are being lifted from the trailer.
19. Loaded trailers / vehicles are to be parked at the appropriate parking place on the berth.
20. A rigid and strong ladder (As per design by Safety wing) is to be used to prevent falling of workers from the trailers.
21. The slings shall be rigged up at equal intervals of the load to avoid slipping while lifting the entire load.
22. Total capacity of the load shall not exceed the SWL (Safe Working Load) of the crane.
23. The company supervisor shall maintain liaison with Chief Officer of the vessel for proper stacking of the cargo to avert collapsing of the stacks.

The above instructions are to be strictly complied with, while handling steel cargo and all concerned are requested to co-operate, in the matter for safety of personnel working in Dock Area and other operational areas.

  
for TRAFFIC MANAGER

- C/- PS to Chairman for kind information of Chairman.
- C/- PA to Dy.Chairman for kind information of Dy.Chairman
- C/- Asst. Director, DGFASLI, for favour of information please.
- C/- Commandant, CISF for information and with a request to instruct all concerned to ensure strict compliance of the above.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association, VSP -for information
- C/- Chairman, Visakhapatnam Steamship Agents Association, VSP - for information.
- C/- Secretary, Visakhapatnam Charter Ship Agents Association, VSP.-for information.
- C/- President, Visakhapatnam Customs Clearing & Forwarding Agents Association, VSP -for information
- C/- CE/Secretary/CME/Safety Officer for information and necessary action.
- C/- Sr.DTM(CHD) for wide circulation amongst all the CHD workers.
- C/- CHD Call stand for display at notice board and wide circulation amongst the CHD workers.
- C/- All Officers in Traffic Department – for information.
- C/- MR, ISO cell for necessary action.
- C/- All Dock inspectors - for strict compliance
- C/- Joint Director(R & P) for necessary action-for hoisting on to VPT website  
(Scanned copy at \10.10.2.19 > all users>share folder tm office)
- C/- Shipping Asst. for necessary action to send email to all trade.  
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