

# **VISAKHAPATNAM PORT TRUST**

## **Scale of Rates**

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#### **AD HOC UPFRONT TARIFF FOR STEVEDORING AND SHORE HANDLING SERVICES**

**(I). Definitions:**

- (i). "Coastal vessel" shall mean any vessel exclusively employed in trading between any port or place in India to any other port or place in India having a valid coastal licence issued by the Directorate General of Shipping/ Competent Authority.
- (ii). "Foreign-going vessel" shall mean any vessel other than coastal vessel.
- (iii). 'Stevedoring' includes loading and unloading and stowage of cargo in any form on board the vessels in Port.
- (iv). 'Shore handling' includes arranging and receiving the cargo to/from the hook point, inter modal transport from wharf to stack yard and vice-versa and also receiving and delivering of cargo from/to wagons /trucks.
- (v). 'Stevedore' is an authorized agent for loading and unloading and anchorage of cargo in any form on board the vessels in ports and to whom the licence has been given under regulations.
- (vi). 'Shore handling agent' is an authorized agent for arranging the receiving the cargo to/ from the hook point, intermodal transport from wharf to stock yard and vice-versa and also receiving and delivering of cargo from/ to wagons/ trucks.

**(II). General conditions:**

- (i). The status of the vessel, as borne out by its certification by the Customs or the Director General of Shipping, shall be the deciding factor for classifying into 'coastal' or 'foreign-going' category for the purpose of levying vessel related charges; and, the nature of cargo or its origin will not be of any relevance for this purpose.
- (ii). System of classification of vessel for levy of Vessel Related Charges (VRC)
  - (a). A foreign going vessel of Indian flag having a General Trading Licence can convert to coastal run on the basis of a Customs Conversion Order. Such vessel that converts into coastal run based on the Customs Conversion Order at her first port of call in Indian Port, no further custom conversion is required, so long as it moves on the Indian Coast.
  - (b). A Foreign going vessel of foreign flag can convert to coastal run on the basis of a Licence for Specified Period or voyage issued by the Director General of Shipping and a custom conversion order.
- (iii). Criteria for levy of Vessel Related Charges (VRC) at Concessional Coastal rate and foreign rate
  - (a). In cases of such conversion, coastal rates shall be chargeable by the load port from the time the vessel starts loading coastal goods.

- (b). In cases of such conversion coastal rates shall be chargeable till the vessel completes discharging operations at the last call of Indian Port; immediately thereafter, foreign going rates shall be chargeable by the discharge ports.
- (c). For dedicated Indian coastal vessels having a Coastal licence from the Director General of Shipping, no other document will be required to be entitled to coastal rates.
- (iv). Criteria for levy of Cargo Related Charges (CRC) at Concessional Coastal rate
  - (a). Foreign going Indian Vessel having General Trading License issued for 'worldwide and coastal' operation should be accorded applicable coastal rates with respect to Handling Charges (HC) i.e. ship to shore transfer and transfer from/ to quay to/ from storage yard including wharfage in the following scenario:
    - (i). Converted to coastal run and carrying coastal cargo from any Indian Port and destined for any other Indian Port.
    - (ii). Not converted\* to coastal run but carrying coastal cargo from any Indian Port and destined for any other Indian Port.
 

\* The Central Board of Excise and Customs Circular no.15/2002-Cus. dated 25 February 2002 allows carriage of coastal cargo from one Indian port to another port in India, in Indian flag foreign going vessels without any custom conversion.
  - (b). In case of a Foreign flag vessel converted to coastal run on the basis of a Licence for Specified Period or voyage issued by the Director General of Shipping, and a Custom Conversion Order, the coastal cargo/ container loaded from any Indian Port and destined for any other Indian Port should be levied at the rate applicable for coastal cargo/ container.
- (v). (a). The handling charges for all coastal vessels should not exceed 60% of the corresponding charges for other vessels.
- (b). The handling charges for all coastal cargo other than thermal coal and POL including crude oil, iron ore and iron ore pellets should not exceed 60% of the normal cargo related charges.
- (c). Cargo from a foreign port which reaches an Indian Port "A" for subsequent transshipment to Indian Port "B" will be levied the concession charges relevant for its coastal voyage. In other words, cargo from/to Indian Ports carried by vessels permitted to undertake coastal voyage will qualify for the concession.
- (d). All the charges shall be denominated in Indian Rupees.
- (vi). This tariff is not applicable for BOT/ BOOT operators or any other arrangement for private sector participation who are governed by the Tariff Guidelines of 2005, 2008 and 2013.
- (vii). This tariff is applicable uniformly to the entire port where the stevedoring and shore handling operations are carried out by private agencies or firms.
- (viii). (a). The tariff notified is ceiling level.
- (b). The rates prescribed in the Scale of Rates are ceiling levels; likewise, rebates and discounts are floor levels. The authorized agent may, if he so desires, charge lower rates and/or allow higher rebates and discounts.
- (c). The authorized agent may also, if he so desire rationalise the prescribed conditionalities governing the application of rates prescribed in the Scale of Rates

if such rationalisation gives relief to the users in rate per unit and the unit rates prescribed in the Scale of Rates do not exceed the ceiling level.

- (d). The authorized agent should, however, notify the public such lower rates and/or rationalisation of the conditionalities governing the application of such rates and continue to notify the public any further changes in such lower rates and/or in the conditionalities governing the application of such rates provided the new rates fixed shall not exceed the rates notified by the TAMP.
- (ix). The authorized agent shall charge only for services provided by him. No notional booking of labour and other similar notional charges would be permitted.
- (x). If any new cargo is to be handled which is not notified/ not included in the list, then the port may categorise that cargo under any one of the cargo categories based on the nature, physical characteristics and the method of handling that cargo.
- (xi). Services for other miscellaneous activities and also the handling charges for specific cargoes when Port takes custody of cargo as per Section 42 of MPT Act shall continue to be levied by Port as per TAMP notified SOR.
- (xii). Tariff caps are indexed to inflation but only to an extent of 60% of the variation in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) occurring between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December of the relevant year. Such automatic adjustment of the tariff cap will be made every year and the adjusted tariff cap will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April of the relevant year till 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year.
- (xiii).
  - (a). From the date of Commercial Operation (CoD) till 31<sup>st</sup> March of the same financial year, the tariff would be limited to the indexed upfront tariff relevant to that year, which would be the ceiling. The aforesaid tariff shall be automatically revised every year based on an indexation as provided in para 2.10. of the normative tariff guidelines, 2016 which will be applicable for the entire License period.
  - (b). The operator, however, is entitled to 100% WPI indexation instead of 60% WPI indexation, from the second year of operation on achievement of performance standards as prescribed in the Berthing Policy vide letter No.PD-11033/73/2013-PT(pt) dated 16 June 2016 for dry bulk cargo as stipulated in clause 7.1. of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Shipping for fixation of upfront tariff for stevedoring and shore handling operations. For break bulk cargo, the Performance Standards as notified along with the Scale of Rates will be applicable.
  - (c). For this purpose, the Operator shall approach the concerned Major Port Trust within 30 days of completion of financial year of operation along with details of cargo wise average Performance standard achieved for each cargo for both stevedoring and shore handling operations.
  - (d). The Major Port Trust shall ascertain the achievement of performance standards claimed to have been achieved by the operator by engaging Consultant if required in one month's time.
  - (e). The operator can apply 100% indexation instead of 60% on written confirmation by the Major Port Trust to the operator that it has achieved the Performance Standards notified along with the upfront tariff.
  - (f). In the event the Major Port Trust confirms that the operator has not achieved the Performance Standards as notified by TAMP in previous 12 months, the operator will not be entitled for 100% WPI indexation. The operator will continue to levy the tariff with 60% indexation as prescribed at clause 2.10. of the normative tariff guidelines, 2016.

- (xiv). All the operators shall furnish to the Major Port Trust and TAMP annual reports on cargo traffic, ship berth day output, per shift output within a month following the end of financial year in respect of stevedoring/ shore handling operations licensed by the port. Any other information which may be required by TAMP shall also be furnished to them from time to time.
- (xv). TAMP shall publish on its website all such information received from operators and Major Port Trusts. However, TAMP shall consider a request from any operator or Major Port Trust about not publishing certain data/ information furnished which may be commercially sensitive. Such requests should be accompanied by detailed justification regarding the commercial sensitiveness of the data/ information in question and the likely adverse impact on their revenue/ operation of upon publication. TAMP's decision in this regard would be final.
- (xvi). The performance norms prescribed for various commodities shall be the minimum that should be achieved by the operator. These performance norms shall be incorporated in the bid documents.
- (xvii). The performance actually achieved by the operator shall be monitored by both the Port and the TAMP on a quarterly basis. In the event of any shortfall in achieving the performance prescribed, the Port will initiate action on the operator as per the terms contained in the agreement entered into with the operator by the Port.
- (xviii). In the event any user has any grievance regarding non-achievement by the operator of the Performance Standards as notified by the TAMP, he may prefer a representation to TAMP which, thereafter, shall conduct an inquiry into the representation and give its finding to the concerned Major Port Trust. The Major Port Trust will be bound to take necessary action on the findings as per the provisions of the contract conditions of the Agreement.
- (xix). In calculating the gross weight or measurement by volume or capacity of any individual item, fractions upto 0.50 shall be taken as 0.50 unit and fractions of 0.50 and above shall be treated as one unit, except where otherwise specified.
- (xx). Users will not be required to pay charges for delays beyond reasonable level attributable to the operator.
- (xxi). As per coastal policy direction issued by the MOS and notified by this Authority vide Order No.TAMP/4/2004-Genl. dated 7 January 2005 and 15 March 2005 –
  - (a). The cargo/container related charges for all coastal cargo/containers, other than thermal coal, POL (including crude oil), iron ore and iron ore pellets, should not exceed 60% of the corresponding charges for normal cargo/container related charges.
  - (b). In case of cargo related charges, the concessional rates should be levied on all the relevant handling charges for ship shore transfer and transfer from/to quay to/from storage yard including wharfage.
  - (c). In case of container related charges, the concession is applicable on composite box rate. Where itemised charges are levied, the concession will be on all the relevant charges for ship shore transfer and transfer from/to quay to/from storage yard as well as wharfage on cargo and containers.

*(As and when there is a change in the policy direction issued by the MOS on the coastal concession policy, the same will be communicated to the port.)*

1. **Schedule - A**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Stevedoring Operations at VPT</b>
<b>Dry Bulk Cargo (Import / Export) for Geared Vessel</b>

Sr. No.	Cargo	Norm per shift in MT	Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT
1.	Finished Fertilizers	2504	62.55
2.	Fertilizer Raw materials	1938	68.01
3.	Food Grains	1277	80.54
4.	Non Coking Coal	4237	51.27
5.	Coking Coal	3042	57.07
6.	Iron ore, Iron ore pellets, Bentonite, Bauxite, Copper, Concentrate, Led and Zinc, Ore	3708	60.69
7.	Shredded Scrap	1053	88.36
8.	Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS)	1080	87.23
9.	Other ores and minerals	2490	62.65
10.	Lime stone, Dolomite, Clinker, clay, sand and other similar dry bulk cargo	2383	63.50
11.	Salt	4000	59.46
12.	Alumina and pig iron ingots and similiary dry bulk cargo	3726	56.41
13.	Thermal Coal (Export)	4237	56.75

2. **Schedule – B**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Shore handling Operations at VPT for Distance within Dock Area</b>			
<b>Dry Bulk Cargo (Import / Export) for Geared / Gearless Vessel</b>			
Sr. No.	Cargo	Norm per shift in MT	Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT
1.	Finished Fertilizers	2504	58.12
2.	Fertilizer Raw materials	1938	75.08
3.	Food Grains	1277	113.96
4.	Non Coking Coal	4237	57.46
5.	Coking Coal	3042	80.03
6.	Iron ore, Iron ore pellets, Bentonite, Bauxite, Copper, Concentrate, Led and Zinc, Ore	3708	72.79
7.	Shredded Scrap	1053	201.09
8.	Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS)	1080	83.30
9.	Other ores and minerals	2490	58.44
10.	Lime stone, Dolomite, Clinker, clay, sand and other similar dry bulk cargo	2383	102.14
11.	Salt	4000	60.86
12.	Alumina and pig iron ingots and similiary dry bulk cargo	3726	65.33
13.	Thermal Coal (Export)	4237	57.46

3. **Schedule - C**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Shore Handling Operations at VPT for Distance outside Dock Area</b>			
<b>Dry Bulk Cargo (Import / Export) for Geared / Gearless Vessel</b>			
Sr. No.	Cargo	Norm per shift in MT	Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT
1.	*Finished Fertilizers	2504	75.03
2.	*Fertilizer Raw materials	1938	96.92
3.	Food Grains	1277	147.12
4.	Non Coking Coal	4237	69.95
5.	Coking Coal	3042	97.43
6.	Iron ore, Iron ore pellets, Bentonite, Bauxite, Copper, Concentrate, Led and Zinc, Ore	3708	92.77
7.	Shredded Scrap	1053	231.25
8.	Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS)	1080	112.70
9.	Other ores and minerals	2490	75.44
10.	Lime stone, Dolomite, Clinker, clay, sand and other similar dry bulk cargo	2383	124.34
11.	Salt	4000	74.09
12.	Alumina and pig iron ingots and similiary dry bulk cargo	3726	79.54

13.	Thermal Coal (Export)	4237	69.95
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\* If the stacking distance is more than 5 km from the berth, 10% addition of the above ceiling tariff is the ceiling tariff.

4. **Schedule - D**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Stevedoring Operations for Break Bulk Cargo (Geared Vessel)</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Cargo</b>	<b>Norm per shift in MT</b>	<b>Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT</b>
1.	Bagged Cargo	652	87.65
2.	Jumbo Bags	1400	187.60
3.	Iron and Steel-Coil and Slabs	1473	110.45
4.	Iron and Steel, pipes, tubes, plates	700	135.65
5.	Timber logs soft	800	80.71
6.	Timber logs hard	643	87.81
7.	Granites and Marbels	685	112.31
8.	Containers empty	-	-
9.	Container load	-	-
10.	Project Cargo	400	168.10
11.	Motor vehicles other than through RORO	-	-
12.	Machinery and Machinery parts	305	168.10

5. **Schedule - E**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Shore Handling Operations at VPT within Dock Area</b>			
<b>Break Bulk Cargo</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Cargo</b>	<b>Norm per shift in MT</b>	<b>Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT</b>
1.	Bagged Cargo	652	51.02
2.	Jumbo Bags	1400	35.64
3.	Iron and Steel-Coil and Slabs	1473	86.55
4.	Iron and Steel, pipes, tubes, plates	700	152.86
5.	Timber logs soft	800	319.70
6.	Timber logs hard	643	397.97
7.	Granites and Marbels	685	281.05
8.	Containers empty	-	-
9.	Container load	-	-
10.	Project Cargo	400	-
11.	Motor vehicles other than through RORO	-	-
12.	Machinery and Machinery parts	400	-

\* For distance more than 1 km, 10% extra in the ceiling rate is to be considered as final ceiling rate.

6. **Schedule - F**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Stevedoring Operations at VPT using HMC (1 No.)</b>			
<b>Dry Bulk Cargo (Import / Export) for Gearless Vessel</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Cargo</b>	<b>Norm per shift in MT</b>	<b>Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT</b>
1.	Finished Fertilizers	2504	6.24
2.	Fertilizer Raw materials	1938	8.06
3.	Food Grains	1277	-
4.	Non Coking Coal	4237	3.69
5.	Coking Coal	3042	5.14
6.	Iron ore, Iron ore pellets, Bentonite, Bauxite, Copper, Concentrate, Led and Zinc, Ore	3708	4.21
7.	Shredded Scrap	1053	14.84
8.	Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS)	1080	14.47
9.	Other ores and minerals	2490	6.27

10.	Lime stone, Dolomite, Clinker, clay, sand and other similar dry bulk cargo	2383	6.56
11.	Salt	4000	3.91
12.	Alumina and pig iron ingots and similiary dry bulk cargo	3726	-
13.	Thermal Coal (Export)	4237	3.72

\* HMC hire charges as per notified Scale of Rates to be paid by the Importer/ Exporter/ Vessel Owner as per the actuals.

7. **Schedule – G-RLY**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Shore Handling Operations at VPT for distance within Dock Area</b>			
<b>Dry Bulk Cargo (Import / Export) for Geared / Gearless Vessel</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Cargo</b>	<b>Norm per shift in MT</b>	<b>Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT</b>
1.	Finished Fertilizers	2504	58.12
2.	Fertilizer Raw materials	1938	85.08
3.	Food Grains	1277	113.96
4.	Non Coking Coal	4237	67.46
5.	Coking Coal	3042	90.03
6.	Iron ore, Iron ore pellets, Bentonite, Bauxite, Copper, Concentrate, Led and Zinc, Ore	3708	82.79
7.	Shredded Scrap	1053	216.09
8.	Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS)	1080	98.30
9.	Other ores and minerals	2490	68.44
10.	Lime stone, Dolomite, Clinker, clay, sand and other similar dry bulk cargo	2383	112.14
11.	Salt	4000	70.86
12.	Alumina and pig iron ingots and similiary dry bulk cargo	3726	80.33
13.	Thermal Coal (Export)	4237	459.46

Note: The above rates are exclusive of land license fee payable to C & F agents by the principals as per SOR approved by TAMP.

8. **Schedule – H-RLY**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Shore Handling Operations at VPT for distance outside Dock area</b>			
<b>Dry Bulk Cargo (Import / Export) for Geared / Gearless Vessel</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Cargo</b>	<b>Norm per shift in MT</b>	<b>Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT</b>
1.	*Finished Fertilizers	2504	75.03
2.	*Fertilizer Raw materials	1938	106.92
3.	Food Grains	1277	147.12
4.	Non Coking Coal	4237	79.95
5.	Coking Coal	3042	107.43
6.	Iron ore, Iron ore pellets, Bentonite, Bauxite, Copper, Concentrate, Led and Zinc, Ore	3708	102.77
7.	Shredded Scrap	1053	246.25
8.	Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS)	1080	127.70
9.	Other ores and minerals	2490	85.44
10.	Lime stone, Dolomite, Clinker, clay, sand and other similar dry bulk cargo	2383	134.34
11.	Salt	4000	84.09
12.	Alumina and pig iron ingots and similiary dry bulk cargo	3726	94.54
13.	Thermal Coal (Export)	4237	471.95

\* If the stacking distance is more than 5 km from the berth, 10% addition of the above ceiling tariff is the ceiling tariff.

Note: The above rates are exclusive of land license fee payable to C & F Agents by the principals as per SOR approved by TAMP.

9. **Schedule - I-RLY**

<b>Ceiling Tariff for Stevedoring Operations at VPT using HMC (1 No.)</b>			
<b>Dry Bulk Cargo (Import / Export) for Gearless Vessel</b>			
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Cargo</b>	<b>Norm per shift in MT</b>	<b>Ceiling Tariff in ₹/ MT</b>
1.	Finished Fertilizers	2504	6.24
2.	Fertilizer Raw materials	1938	18.06
3.	Food Grains	1277	-
4.	Non Coking Coal	4237	13.69
5.	Coking Coal	3042	15.14
6.	Iron ore, Iron ore pellets, Bentonite, Bauxite, Copper, Concentrate, Led and Zinc, Ore	3708	14.21
7.	Shredded Scrap	1053	29.84
8.	Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS)	1080	29.47
9.	Other ores and minerals	2490	16.27
10.	Lime stone, Dolomite, Clinker, clay, sand and other similar dry bulk cargo	2383	16.56
11.	Salt	4000	13.91
12.	Alumina and pig iron ingots and similiary dry bulk cargo	3726	-
13.	Thermal Coal (Export)	4237	405.72

\* HMC hire charges as per notified Scale of Rates to be paid by the Importer / Exporter / Vessel Owner as per the actuals.

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