VISAKHAPATNAM PORT AUTHORITY TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

No: ITRA/SHP/FPB Dt: 08-04-2022

TRADE CIRCULAR No: 1466

Sub: Priority Berthing of vessel intending to load Export Wheat in VPA-Reg.

A meeting was co-chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles & Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh on 24-03-2022 to discuss measures for increasing export of Indian Wheat in the present geopolitical scenario. The said meeting was attended by various exporters, Ambassadors, Embassies of India as well as representatives from Banking & Insurance sector.

In the said meeting and in terms of directions of the MoPSW, vessels intending to load Export Wheat in VPA, Priority Berthing will be accorded at the Inner Harbour, subject to the Vessel Agent seeking such priority berthing in writing and on payment of applicable priority berth hire charges (if applicable).

The above Priority Berthing arrangements will remain in force for a period of one year (considering the present uncertain geopolitical situation) from the date of issuance of Trade Circular or further directions of the Ministry (if any), whichever is earlier.

(<u>Notifying Authority</u>: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt. Of India vide Lr No: PD-12026/3/2022-PD-IV, Dt: 01-04-2022 to Chairmen, Major Ports)

Copy to: PA to Chairman, for favour of information of Chairman.

Copy to: PA to Dy. Chairman, for favour of information of Dy. Chairman.

Copy to: The President, Visakhapatnam Stevedores Association / Visakhapatnam Steamship Association / Visakhapatnam Customs Brokers Association, for information please.

Copy to: Dy. Conservator / FA&CAO for information please.

Copy to: Joint Director, for information and with a request to upload the Circular in VPA Website.

Copy to: Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager(S) / Sr. ATM(S)/ATM(S), for information.

Copy to: Dock Inspectors for information and necessary action.