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To,

All Stakeholders/Shipping Agents/Customers,
Dahej.

Sub: Lack of Adequate Illumination in Vessel Holds – Safety Compliance.

All Shipping Lines, Vessel Owners, Agents, and Concerned Stakeholders are hereby informed that it has been observed on multiple occasions that vessel cargo holds are not provided with adequate illumination during cargo operations, inspections, surveys, and safety rounds.

Inadequate lighting inside vessel holds poses a serious safety hazard, increasing the risk of accidents, injuries, cargo damage, and non-compliance with statutory and port safety requirements.

In this regard, the following is brought to the notice of all concerned:

1. Responsibility: The responsibility for ensuring proper and sufficient illumination in vessel holds lies with the vessel Master and Owners, coordinated through the appointed Shipping Agent. In order to have proper illumination it is required to rig bright Halogen lights of 4x500W at least in each working hatch and working cranes.

2. Mandatory Requirement: Adequate illumination must be ensured before commencement of cargo operations, during the entire duration of cargo handling and during inspections by Port officials, surveyors, stevedores, or other authorized personnel.

3. Non-Compliance: In case adequate illumination is not provided cargo operations may be suspended or delayed, Port officials may deny entry or inspection of holds. Any delays, demurrages, operational, additional charges impact arising thereof shall be entirely to the vessel's account.

4. Safety Priority: This circular is issued in the interest of ensuring safe working conditions, compliance with safety norms, avoid damages to the vessel and Port property to enable smooth port operations.

All stakeholders are requested to take immediate note of the above and ensure strict compliance with this circular with immediate effect.

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