

Trade notice: AP(D)PL/04/2026

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To,

All Stakeholders/Shipping Agents/Customers,  
Dahej.

**Sub: Trade Notice: Safe Discharge operations / Man Entry into holds.**

Dear All.

In view of strengthening the safety procedure onboard the vessel following SOP must be strictly complied with.

1. Vessel shall have certified Multi Gas Detector onboard to measure O<sub>2</sub>, CO, LEL & H<sub>2</sub>S.
2. Valid shore calibration certificate is to be present for the Gas monitor and detectors and ships staff trained to use it.
3. All booby hatches Fwd. & Aft to be marked by their Hold numbers clearly.
4. The No / Nil discharge planned holds in AP(D)PL Dahej Port should have their booby hatches locked and sealed prior ships arrival to port.
5. The planned discharge hatches shall have the booby hatches and holds opened prior to arrival for gas freeing.
6. The working hatches shall have safety rope to protect and prevent inadvertent entry till complete gas freeing is done.
7. Enclosed space entry checklist to be filled prior entry to the holds and after declaration of safe working space -
8. O<sub>2</sub>:20.9, LEL: 0, CO :0, & H<sub>2</sub>S:0. Upon completely gas free, safety ropes shall be removed.
9. Booby hatches kept for entry shall have nose drop locking pins for safe entry to the holds.
10. Gas free certificate to Shore stevedores to be given for safe entry.
11. Every 6 hrs. gas reading to be taken for entrance to booby hatches and any deviation or unsafe reading found, the entrance to be restricted for work man entry and informed to port control on Ch: 73 immediately



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