

**PARADIP PORT TRUST**  
**TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**

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**TRADE CIRCULAR**

**Sub: Policy for Handling of Iron Ore Pellets at the Mechanized Coal Handling  
Plant (MCHP) of Paradip Port.**

With a view to reduce congestion of ships at conventional handling berths and also for gainful utilisation of the existing spare capacity of MCHP due to non-availability of adequate Thermal Coal for shipment, PPT has considered berthing of ships for loading of Iron Ore Pellets using the storage and mechanical loading facilities of MCHP. The following policy guideline has accordingly been drawn for loading of Iron Ore Pellets through MCHP.

- (i) Approx. 6000 sqmtrs of stack yard at MCHP has been earmarked in one corner plot to be used as a “Common User facility” for unloading, storage and mechanical loading of Iron Ore Pellets primarily on “Dump & Load” basis and this plot will be for transit storage of Iron Ore Pellets as per the approved SOR of PPT under Clause No. 2.9 and 2.10.
- (ii) The said 6000 sqmtrs area will be allocated only to the Port’s existing users having storage space either at manual or plots at IOHP for stacking of Iron Ore Pellets. Similarly, new users, who would succeed in getting plots for storage of Iron Ore Pellets (either manual storage area or at IOHP storage area) in future can also use the MCHP “dump and load” storage facility on transit basis for export of Iron Ore Pellets, if they so desire.
- (iii) The earmarked 6,000 sqmtrs storage area at MCHP for loading of Iron Ore Pellets will be allocated to such users of the Port after their ship is declared for loading of Iron Ore Pellets at MCHP. As the plot is a common user plot, the same will be allotted on ‘first come first serve’ basis amongst the existing users of the Port having Iron Ore Pellets plot inside PPT who declares the ship first. Before berthing of the ship, the exporter has to give a detailed declaration of date-wise aggregation of cargo in the plot duly certified by a recognized Surveyor, which would be considered for ascertaining / calculation of free time and demurrage (if any) on cargo under the aforesaid provision of SOR.

- (iv) Upon berthing and completion of the loading of the Iron Ore Pellets on the designated ship, the exporter has to remove the balance Iron Ore Pellets, if any, in the said common user plot to their existing manual plot or mechanical plot at IOHP at PPT. Upon completion of loading and / or shifting residual cargo, the User will give the vacant possession of the plot to PPT with proper certification of recognized surveyor.
- (v) Ships declared for loading of Iron Ore Pellets using such facility of MCHP will not be berthed ahead of any designated Thermal Coal ships ready for loading at MCHP.
- (vi) In case, PPT envisages that there could be a prolonged possibility of servicing Thermal Coal vessels at the MCHP, PPT reserves the right to refuse allotment of the said common user plot for storage and shipment of Iron Ore Pellets as it is likely to affect the interest of the Port as well as the exporter for prolonged delay in berthing of the ship.
- (vii) The Traffic Department of PPT will closely monitor the arrival sequence of Thermal Coal vessels for handling through MCHP and accordingly allot the common user plot at MCHP for "Dump and load" of Iron Ore Pellets on transit terms and monitor with proper records of the date of allocation of the area and date of vacation of the area by respective user.
- (viii) The Port User shall pay shipment charges @ Rs. 77.50 per MT plus taxes for loading of Iron Ore Pellets through MCHP which is similar to the rate of shipment of Thermal Coal through MCHP.
- (ix) In case, a Port User intends to ship the Iron Ore Pellets from the mechanized storage area of IOHP after tipping of wagons mechanically through Tipplers, labour cess of Rs. 70/- for the tipped cargo plus related tipping and railway handling charges are to be paid separately as per the existing SoR.

2. The above policy will come into force w.e.f. 26.10.2017 for a period of three months on experimental basis and will be reviewed thereafter.

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