



TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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TRADE CIRCULAR

Due to nation-wide lockdown on account of Covid-19 pandemic, massive drop in domestic demand for Steel products is being experienced. This has led to a sudden spurt in export of Steel cargo produced by Steel plants. Since, PICT, having exclusivity for handling of Steel cargo, could not handle the unusually high traffic volume and have notified the outbreak of Covid-19 as force majeure event, it has been decided to handle the Steel cargo in the General Cargo Berth (GCB) of PPT with the following arrangements on fulfillment of terms and conditions as mentioned below:

- (1) The Steel cargo will be handled in GCBs for a temporary period upto 30.06.2020., which may be extended further after review.
- (2) EQ-1 berth is earmarked for handling of Steel cargo. However, if any other berth remains vacant for want of vessel, the same will be considered for berthing of Steel cargo vessel.
- (3) The available hard-stand storage space between EQ and CQ is earmarked for allotment to the exporters on license basis on payment of applicable charges.
- (4) Shifting of vessels from PICT berths to EQ-1 berth /GCB or vice-versa for part-loading of Steel cargo of minimum of 5000 MT will be considered as shifting on "Port convenience" and no shifting charge for such shifting will be levied on the vessel / Exporter. However, only one such shifting will be considered on Port convenience subject to availability of vacant berth.
- (5) The Exporter/Shipper is free to engage the licensed Stevedores of Port for such cargo operation.
- (6) The Exporter/ Shipper shall pay the wharfage to Port as per extant SOR for the quantity handled at the GCBs, apart from other applicable charges.
- (7) The steel rakes to be unloaded in the PPT custom bound area will be booked as CBSP by the Exporters.

- (8) Inter shifting of cargo between PICT and PPT custom bonded area is permitted without any charge to avoid vessel shifting activity for want of cargo, subject to obtaining clearance from Customs.

The above will come into force with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

Traffic Manager
Paradip Port Trust

Copy to:

1. All Importers/Exporters/Stevedores/Steamer Agents, Paradip Port Trust for kind information.
2. The Secretary, Paradip Port Stevedores Association, Paradip for kind information.
3. The Secretary, Utkal Stevedores Association, Paradip for kind information.
4. The Secretary, Kalinga Steamship Agents Association, Paradip for kind information.
5. PS to Chairman, PPT / PA to Dy. Chairman, PPT.
6. FA & CAO, PPT for kind information.
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