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Trade Circular

Sub : Modification of Guidelines for allotment of common plot for Manganese Ore

With a view to address the issue of cargo shortage of Manganese Ore which importers had been raising at various forums, HDC came out with a policy, for allotment of a common plot for Manganese Ore vessels. Accordingly, a Trade Circular in the matter was issued vide GMT/45/1057 dated 17.08.2021 (copy enclosed as **Annexure I**).

As per point no.1 of the said Trade Circular, whenever a vessel is having multiple receivers of Manganese Ore, a Common plot is to be allotted on License basis to any one of the handling agents involved in that particular vessel. The plot will be allotted ideally for 3 months. For Importers having Long Term Plot inside the Dock, shall however be allowed to store cargo in their own plot. After expiry of the license of the plot, the demurrage charges shall be applicable for cargo remaining in the plot and the charges is to be paid by the concerned importer prior to taking delivery.

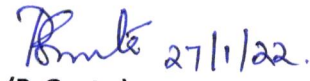
However, for allotment of common plot for Manganese Ore, the time limit is 3 months irrespective of the quantum of cargo mobilized. Thus, it becomes a disadvantage for an importer if he intends to mobilize a bigger parcel as it would not be feasible for the said importer to evacuate the entire cargo within 3 months.

Accordingly, a revised telescopic license period for allotment of common plot for Manganese Ore is approved by the Appropriate Authority of SMP, Kolkata, which is mentioned below:

Cargo quantity	Normal License Period
Up to 15,000 MT	60 days
Over 15,000 MT up to 30,000 MT	90 Days
Over 30,000 MT up to 50,000 MT	120 Days
Over 50,000 MT up to 80,000 MT	150 Days
Over 80,000 MT	180 Days

However, after expiry of the normal License Period, there will be no scope for further extension of License and the cargo lying therein would attract demurrage as per SOR of SMP, Kolkata. The other Terms & Conditions as laid out in the Trade Circular issued vide no. GMT/45/1057 dated 17.08.2021 will remain unchanged.

All concerned, are requested to be guided accordingly.


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Trade Circular


Sub : Modifications in methodology of handling Manganese Ore on Trial Basis.

In response to the request from various stake holders of Manganese Ore to modify the methodology of handling Manganese Ore with a view to avoid cargo shortage, HDC, SMP, Kolkata shall adopt the following measures on trial basis for the next few vessels importing Manganese Ore :

1. Wherever a vessel is having multiple receivers of Manganese Ore, a Common plot is to be allotted on License basis to any one of the handling agents involved in that particular vessel. The plot will be allotted ideally for 3 months. For Importers having Long Term Plot inside the Dock, shall however be allowed to store cargo in their own plot. After expiry of the license of the plot, the demurrage charges shall be applicable for the cargo remaining in the plot and the charges is to be paid by the concerned importer prior to taking delivery.
2. Intermediate Draft Survey to be conducted between cargo going to Common Plot and cargo going to Long Term Plot / Railway Siding Plot.
3. For the cargo stored in a Common Plot of a particular handling agent, all the involved handling agents to have access to the cargo and they shall effect all ancillary activities including heaping/high-heaping of cargo, delivery related services from the common plot simultaneously, for their respective parties. The Land related expenditure to be shared by the Importers using the Common Plot with the concerned Handling Agent on mutually agreed procedure.
4. Cargo destined for the Common Plot will first be shifted from the Hook Point to storage yard. Cargo destined for Long Term Plots / Railway Siding Plots to be transferred subsequently. Intermediate Draft Survey to ascertain the quantity transferred to the different plots.
5. All the payloaders to be used by the handling agents must be fitted with Load Meters in workable condition duly calibrated by Competent Authority. In no case, payloaders with defective/non-working Load Meters shall be allowed to work in Manganese Ore vessels.
6. The cargo quantity ascertained through the Load meters shall be indicative figures only. Such figures shall be used for cargo distribution amongst various receivers whose cargo have been discharged simultaneously, at the hook point. Similarly, such indicative figures will also be ascertained during loading for delivery for cross verification of cargo quantity with the RR quantity/weight figure as the case may be.

7. The weighment quantity ascertained through the Portable Weighbridge will not be considered for any operational or commercial activity and will merely be construed as a requirement of Handling Agent.
8. The cargo quantity so ascertained through Load Meters to be shared with Common Surveyor, Importers, other Handling Agents, Transporters, C&F Agents and HDC officials as and when asked for.
9. Random weighment of dumpers plying between hook point and storage yard shall be undertaken by port officials in each vessel in order to cross verify the authenticity of the cargo quantity ascertained by Load Meters.
10. Handling Agents and / or the importers may appoint Surveyor at their own cost for cross verification of cargo quantity ascertained through Draft Survey conducted by Steamer Agent's Surveyor/Receiver Surveyor.
11. In future, some handling agents may install of Mobile Weighbridges at the Jetty during handling of Manganese Ore, for ascertainment of cargo quantity amongst various Importers, in co-ordination with HDC. Such weighment figure shall be used only for cargo distribution from the hook point. However, no charges shall be realized from the importers as well as any other agencies for providing such weighbridge service. The concerned Handling Agent must ensure that no congestion prevails during the weighment and no delay in evacuating cargo from the Jetty, which may consequently affect the productivity of the vessels.

All concerned, are requested to be guided accordingly.


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