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Sub: Compulsory submission of Berthing Application by through PCS(BERMAN).

In Kolkata vessel operating agents (VOA/Steamer Agents) register their vessel through PCS and Vessel Calling Number (VCN) is allotted by port through PCS.

VCN is allotted prior to actual arrival of the vessel at Sand Head and there has been occasions when vessels arrived at Sand Head but are not yet ready to call at port because of reasons attributed to other agencies on which port has little control.

In order to arrive at the actual TAT (Turn Around Time) it has been decided that the Turn Around Time shall start from the time when the vessel is ready in all respects to commence the cargo handling which may include:

1. Tendering of NOR by the Master of the vessel/ anchoring time at Sand Head.
2. In case of import vessel; submission of IGM, Form C and any other related documents which are required before hand to start the vessel operation.
3. Building up of sufficient export stock in case of export vessels.
4. Payment of ad hoc charges and customs permission for operation at anchorages.
5. Allotment of Licensed space where the cargo discharged ex vessel are to be taken in the licensed plot.

(The above list is not exhaustive)

In this regard all Vessel Operating Agents /Steamer Agents are hereby directed:

a. To submit their berthing application through PCS and it is mandatory.
b. The berthing application in PCS shall be submitted after obtaining VCN and only when the vessel is ready in all respects of cargo handling operations.
c. Any VOA / SA applying in PCS for berthing without complying with above norms besides losing seniority of the vessel for berthing shall be liable for penalty charges for the wrongful declaration or any other action deemed fit by the port authority.
d. In case of request of cancellation of calling of ship by VOA/SA after filling the BERMAN through PCS, vessel will lose her seniority and new berthing application has to be filed by VOA/SA upon further readiness of vessel.

Traffic Manager

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Copy to all VOA/SA for information and necessary action please.

Copy to PS to Deputy Chairman for favour of information of Deputy Chairman.
Copy to Secretary/ DMD for information please.
Copy to Sr. DTM(Docks)/ Jt. Director (P&R) for information please.