

**PARADIP PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT**

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Sub: Policy for Handling of Iron Ore / other dry bulk cargo at the Mechanized Iron Ore Handling Plant (IOHP) 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 IOHP due to non-availability of adequate Iron Ore / Iron Ore Pellet / Thermal Coal for shipment through mechanized system of IOHP, PPT has considered berthing of ships for loading of Iron Ore from manual plots and other dry bulk cargo using the storage and mechanical loading facilities of IOHP. The following policy guidelines have accordingly been drawn for loading of Iron Ore / other dry bulk cargo through IOHP:

- (i) For a temporary period to ease the congestions at the conventional berths and for effective/gainful utilization of the underutilised spare capacity of the IOHP currently, Port will allow shipment of Iron Ore, stacked in the manual Iron Ore Plots, in the mechanized system through IOHP. PPT will also allow shipment of other dry bulk cargo like Iron Ore Pellet, Coal, Lime stone etc. of sizes up to 200 mm only in the mechanized system of IOHP. Once throughput of the Iron Ore / Iron Ore Pellet shipment of the mechanical plot holders improves or the conventional berth congestion is reduced, such loading of Iron Ore (stacked in manual Iron Ore plots) and other dry bulk cargo through IOHP would be withdrawn and therefore the present arrangement is only for a period of 3 months on experimental basis and the same may be reviewed thereafter.
- (ii) PPT will earmark approx. 5000 sqmtrs of stack yard at IOHP to be used as a "Common User facility" for unloading, storage and mechanical loading of Iron Ore (stacked in manual Iron Ore plots) / other dry bulk cargo, primarily on "Dump & Load" basis and this plot will be for transit storage of Iron Ore (stacked in manual Iron Ore plots) / other dry bulk cargo as per the approved SOR of PPT under Clause No. 2.9 and 2.10.
- (iii) The said 5000 sqmtrs area will be allocated only to the Port's existing users having storage space inside the custom bonded area. Similarly, new users, who would succeed in getting plots for storage of Iron Ore / other dry bulk

cargo in future, can also use the IOHP "dump and load" storage facility on transit basis for shipment of the cargo, if they so desire.

- (iv) The earmarked 5,000 sqmtrs storage area at IOHP for loading of Iron Ore / other dry bulk cargo will be allocated to such users of the Port after their ship is declared for loading of Iron Ore /other dry bulk cargo at IOHP. 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 / other dry bulk cargo plot inside PPT who declares the ship first with confirmed ETA. 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. The exporter has to pay the wharfage charges for the entire booking quantity in advance prior to berthing of the ship.
- (v) Upon berthing and completion of the loading of the Iron Ore /other dry bulk cargo on the designated ship, the exporter has to remove the balance Iron Ore / other dry bulk cargo, if any, in the said common user plot to their existing storage space. 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.
- (vi) Ships declared for loading of Iron Ore / other dry bulk cargo using such facility of IOHP will not be berthed ahead of any designated Thermal Coal / Iron Ore / Iron Ore Pellet ships ready for loading at IOHP.
- (vii) In case, PPT envisages that there could be a prolonged possibility of servicing designated Thermal Coal / Iron Ore / Iron Ore Pellet vessels at the IOHP, PPT reserves the right to refuse allotment of the said common user plot for storage and shipment of Iron Ore / other dry bulk cargo as it is likely to affect the interest of the Port as well as the exporter for prolonged delay in berthing of the ship.
- (viii) The Traffic Department of PPT will closely monitor the arrival sequence of Thermal Coal / Iron Ore / Iron Ore Pellet vessels for handling through IOHP and accordingly allot the common user plot at IOHP for "Dump and load" of Iron Ore / other dry bulk cargo 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.
- (ix) Adequate care shall be taken by shippers to avoid presence of foreign material in the cargo, which may damage the conveyor belt and other equipment of IOHP. In case of any damage to the plant due to the foreign

material in the cargo, the damage cost as assessed by PPT will be recovered from the shipper.

- (x) The cargo shall be stacked in trapezoidal shape by the shipper to facilitate efficient reclaiming operation. Necessary equipment shall be provided by the shipper to accumulate the cargo to ensure continuous loading operation.
- (xi) The Port User shall pay shipment charges @ Rs. 23.45 per MT plus taxes for loading of Iron Ore / Iron Ore Pellet and Rs. 49.50 per MT for other dry bulk cargo through IOHP which is similar to the rate of shipment of Iron Ore and Thermal Coal respectively through IOHP.
- (xii) In such cases, the approved Productivity Norm for the specific cargo (Iron Ore / Iron Ore Pellet / other Dry bulk Cargo) meant for conventional handling will not be applicable since the same is handled mechanically at IOHP.

The above policy will come into force w.e.f. 01.12.2017 for a period of three months on experimental basis and will be reviewed thereafter.

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