

MORMUGAO PORT TRUST
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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Sub: Guidelines on Priority berthing of coastal vessel at MPT.

As per the recommendations of the committee set up by Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, New Delhi, and subsequently guidelines issued by Tariff Authority of Major Ports (TAMP), No. TAMP/52/2014-Genl. Dated 02nd December 2014, the following guidelines to accord priority berthing of coastal vessels are hereby issued.

- I. A. "Coastal Vessel shall mean any vessel exclusively employed in trading between any port or place in India to any other Port or place in India having a valid coastal license issued by the Director General of Shipping/competent authority.
- B. In addition to the above, TAMP, in its notification NO. GNO.35 of 07.1998 has described the following conditions under which other foreign going vessels will be treated as coastal vessels."
 - a) A foreign going vessel of Indian flag having a General Trading License can convert to coastal run on the basis of a Custom Conversion Order.
 - b) A foreign going vessel of foreign flag can convert to coastal run on the basis of a Coastal Voyage License issued by the Director General of Shipping.
 - c) In cases of such conversion, coastal rates shall be chargeable by the load port from the time the vessel starts loading coastal goods.
 - d) In cases of such conversions coastal rates shall be chargeable till the vessel completes discharging operations, immediately thereafter foreign going rates shall be chargeable by the Ports of discharge.
- II. Mormugao Port Trust shall accord priority berthing, on at least one berth, to dry bulk/general cargo coastal vessels to enable shippers to transport goods from one port in India to another Port in India irrespective of origin and final destination of the cargo. Such vessels shall be allotted 12 hours priority, so as not to hamper the operation of vessels already at berth. If the working vessels at berth does not complete within these 12 hours, the priority will be accorded to waiting coastal vessel. Since there are only 2 General cargo berths in the

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Port, only berthing priority is given to coastal vessel and ousting priority is given to the coastal container vessel. In case any general cargo vessel is under completion at berth, a 12 hour window time is given to complete before ousting priority is given to coastal container vessel.

- III. MPT shall accord priority berthing, in the daily berthing meeting to coastal container vessels at general cargo berth.
- IV. In respect of POL/liquid cargo tankers, the existing priority berthing will continue.
- V. Coastal vessels which are to be accorded priority berthing shall not be liable to pay priority berthing charges.
- VI. There will be no restrictions on berthing of coastal vessels, in addition to the coastal vessels berthed on priority as above, if the same is eligible under normal berthing policy of MPT.
- VII. A coastal vessel shall be liable to pay port charges on coastal rate notwithstanding whether it was berthed on priority or otherwise.
- VIII. The above guidelines are issued in supersession of all other guidelines issued earlier on the subject.

The above trade notice is issued in the interest of the trade.

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TRAFFIC MANAGER