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Sub: Code of Practices for Supply of Bunkers through the Port of Cochin

Cochin Port Trust has pursued a policy of encouraging the sustained growth of bunkering through the Port. To this end, all the regulatory agencies concerned have cooperated to put in place a user-friendly eco-system for bunkering.

However, the trade can sustain in the Port of Cochin only if all the stakeholders cooperate to develop a good reputation in the market for the Port for good quality of bunkers which are supplied in correct measure and at the contracted rates, without giving room for the customers to have any complaint.

The following measures are therefore ordered to ensure this.

i. All suppliers of bunkers and barge operators intending to operate in Cochin Port Trust limits shall register with the Port. The Traffic Department shall be the Department concerned for the purpose. Existing bunkers and barge operators shall register themselves by 31-5-2016.

ii. A Committee comprising Deputy Conservator, Traffic Manager, and representatives of stakeholders, two of suppliers, two of barge operators and one of Surveyor, shall monitor the trade practices of those registered. Traffic Manager shall be the convenor of the Committee. The first Committee will have the following representatives:

- Shri C.M. Jose, BPCL
- Shri Arjun Pullath, HPCL
- Shri Raju V.K, KSINC
- Shri George Jose V, Geostan Marine
- Capt. Ravi Narayan Mundayur, J B Boda

They will hold office for a period of one year with effect from 1-5-2016.

iii. Bunkering shall be done strictly as per the procedure laid down in No. DC/IGTPL/Bunk./2011 dated 29-9-2012.

iv. With effect from 1-1-2017, only double hull and double bottom bunker barges shall be permitted to operate within the Port of Cochin.

v. To ensure accountability for the quality of bunkers supplied, only suppliers having physical stock in the Port of Cochin shall be permitted to issue BDN.

vi. Suppliers of bunkers shall submit document of supply to the Traffic Manager, Cochin Port Trust within 48 hours of supply. This shall be accompanied by a copy of the BDN signed by the Master of the vessel taking supply, copy of ACR 3 where applicable, copy of Shipping Bill and Survey Report including barge sounding.

vii. The Committee shall monitor the trade in bunkers through the Port of Cochin and will render reports to the Port Management from time to time as required, including on penal action where warranted.

To
The Trade

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Chairman