MORMUGAO PORT TRUST, GOA

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(Ministry of Shipping, Government of India)

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ISO 9001-2015 & ISPS COMPLIANT PORT

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Sub: Usage of Port Community System1x by all stakeholders- Maritime Trade-regarding

Port Community System (PCS) is a centralized web-based message exchange platform at national level encompassing the Indian Maritime Community. PCS is operated by the Indian Ports Association (IPA), since 2007 with main objectives of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and paperless trade.
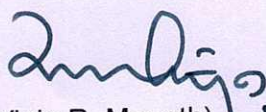
The PCS 1x is developed by Ministry of Shipping through IPA in consultation with all maritime stakeholders and has gone live from 11.12.2018, The functionalities offered by the PCS 1x version will not only be beneficial to the maritime community at large, but will also contribute substantially in improving the Ease of Doing Business "Trading Across Borders" and Logistics Performance Index ranks.

Given the vast functionalities of PCS 1x and the improved coverage of stakeholders, it has been decided that usage of PCS 1x for carrying out all trade related electronic document exchange and clearances is made compulsory for all stakeholders w.e.f. 11.12.2018.

In this regard, please find enclosed herewith Order no. PD-14033/38/2016-PD-V dated 11.12.2018 received from Ministry of Shipping, Government of India. All Stakeholders therefore, in their own interest and for contributing towards ease of doing business, are required to carry out all trade related transactions through PCS 1 X only.

In case if you encounter any problem with the implementation of this program, kindly contact

1. M/s Portall:24 x 7 Helpdesk no 1800115055, email – pcssupport@portall.in
2. Shri S. Praveen, Asst Manager EDP, email- s.praveen@mptgoa.gov.in, 9423055603/9923585627 or 0832-2594457.

(Vipin R. Menoth)
TRAFFIC MANAGER

To
President: Mormugao Vessel Agents' Association.
President: Mormugao Stevedore's' Association.

ORDER

Subject: Usage of Port Community System 1x by all stakeholders – Maritime Trade – regarding

In order to improve "Ease of Doing Business", Ministry of Shipping has undertaken several initiatives. One of the key initiatives is to exchange trade related documents and information electronically through the Port Community System (PCS), a centralised web-based message exchange platform at national level encompassing the Indian maritime community. PCS is operated by the Indian Ports Association (IPA) since 2007 with the main objectives of Electronic Data Interchange(EDI) and paperless Trade. The noteworthy feature of PCS is its direct link to ICEGATE of Indian Customs.
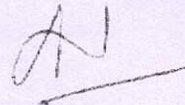
2.   The ultimate aim of PCS is to seamlessly integrate all members of the port community and also to provide an electronic platform to act as a single window to exchange messages and information.IPA is in the process of implementing a new version of the PCS (version 1x) thereby enabling Indian maritime community to exchange electronic documents and information and transact business on near real time basis. PCS1x is hosted on a private cloud and offers better user-friendly interface, increased connectivity options such as Application Programme Interface (API), improved inclusion by offering user friendly dashboard, better security features, etc.

3.   The PCS 1x being developed by Ministry of Shipping through IPA in consultation with all maritime stakeholders is targeted to Go Live by 11ᵗʰ December, 2018 . The functionalities offered by PCS Version 1x will not only be beneficial to the maritime community at large, but will also contribute substantially in improving the Ease of Doing Business "Trading Across Borders" and Logistics Performance Index ranks.

4.   In the PCS 1x version coverage of stakeholders has been increased from the existing 19 to 27 in the port ecosystem. A list of stakeholders is annexed for ready reference.

5.   Given the vast functionality of PCS 1x and the improved coverage of stakeholders,it has been decided that the usage of PCS 1x for carrying out all trade related electronic document exchange and clearances is made compulsory for all stakeholders w.e.f. 11ᵗʰ December, 2018.

6.   It has also been decided that Chairman/CEO of each port(both Major and Non-Major) shall form a local committee of stakeholders with representatives from all players in the maritime trade to facilitate a smooth implementation of processes and use of various functionalities in PCS 1x. Difficulties faced, if any, shall be reported to IPA/PCS Help Desk (support.ipcs@nic.in/1800-11-5055/9910716769) immediately for resolution. Additional stakeholders who are not currently members of PCS shall contact PCS helpdesk for registration and use of these features.

7.   All stakeholders, therefore, in their own interest and for contributing towards ease of doing business are required to carry out all trade related transactions through PCS1x.

8.   Joint Secretary (Ports), Ministry of Shipping and the Managing Director, IPA shall review compliance with regard to stakeholder's coverage, adoption and mandatory usage of PCS 1x once every fortnight and shall initiate further action as may be considered appropriate.

9.   This issues with the approval of Secretary (Shipping).

(Rameshwar Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Tele No. 23311659

To,

All Maritime Stakeholders
As per list attached

Stakeholders List

1. Port Authority (All Ports including Major Ports; Non Major Ports etc. via EDI or via API)
2. Shipping Agent
3. Terminal Operator
4. Customs House Agent (CHA); Importer : Exporter
5. Container Freight Station (CFS); Inland Container Depot (ICD)
6. Customs
7. Rail Transport Operator
8. Road Transport Operator
9. Banks
10. Stevedore
11. Surveyor
12. Port Health Organization (PHO)
13. Plant Quarantine Organization (PQO)
14. Mercantile Marine Department (MMD)
15. Immigration
16. Tank Farm Operator
17. Container Agent.
18. Barge Owner; Operator
19. Navy; Coast Guard
20. Inland Waterways
21. Stakeholders involved in the coastal movement
22. Empty Yard
23. Freight Forwarders
24. Ships Chandler
25. NVOCC
26. DGLL
27. Bunker Suppliers