Sub: Relaxation in ineffective non-working hours due to rain caused stoppages.

It is observed that during the monsoon season, the stevedores are reluctant to book adequate number of Ports cargo handling workers (CHLD gangs) for the reasons that, when the gangs remain idle on account of work stoppage due to rain, the Stevedores are not granted any waiver of the CHLD charges since the CHLD charges are on ‘per tonne basis’.

As a result, the ships productivity suffers and the ship stay increases, leading to congestion and increased turnaround time. The delay in loading/unloading of the cargo due to rain caused delays are severely imparting the turnaround time of the vessels and as a result this reflects poorly on the Port performance.

In view of the above, it is felt that some relief needs to be given to the Stevedores in order to encourage the Stevedores to book maximum number of gangs and thereby to maximize the productivity and faster turnaround of the vessel.

Therefore, the following is proposed:

a. As far as possible the stevedores shall book a minimum of three hooks per shift/ship, except for operational restriction.

b. The effective working hours shall be reckoned after deducting the non-operational hours due to rain caused delays.

c. Non working hours shall be determined based on the Statement of Facts/Tally Sheet.

d. The calculation for the payment of CHLD charges shall be made after deducting the period of work stoppage due to rain caused delays, as per the illustration (copy enclosed as Annexure-I)
e. This waiver shall be applicable only during monsoon season (June to September).

f. The relaxation in the gang booking charges for the non working hours due to rain caused stoppages would only be granted if three (3) gangs are booked.

g. Any difficulty in the implementation of the above, shall be brought to the notice of the Traffic Manager.

h. The order shall be periodically reviewed/modified.

The order is implemented with effect from 01st July 2016 and shall remain in force until further orders.

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TRAFFIC MANAGER

To,
President, Vessel Agents Association With a request to please share the information with your Principals and other trade fraternity.
President, Mormugao Stevedores Association