NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 48, 49 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby extends the validity of the existing Scale of Rates of the Paradip Port Trust as in the Order appended hereto.

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This case relates to the extension of the validity of the existing Scale of Rates (SOR) of the Paradip Port Trust (PPT).

2.1. The Authority had approved the SOR of the PPT vide its Order No. TAMP/62/2009-PPT dated 25 March 2011 which was notified in the Gazette of India on 23 May 2011 vide Gazette no. 111. The Order prescribed the validity of the SOR till 31 March 2013.

2.2. Thereafter, the validity of the SOR was extended by the Authority at periodic intervals to avoid a vacuum in tariff and for the reasons cited in the said Order. On the last occasion, the Authority had extended the validity of SOR of PPT upto 31 March 2017 vide its Order No. TAMP/62/2009 dated 4 January 2017 which was notified in the Gazette of India on 18 January 2017 vide Gazette No. 20. While extending the validity at each occasion, the PPT was advised by the Authority to file the general revision proposal immediately.

2.3. The PPT has filed its proposal for general revision of its Scale of Rates, following Tariff Policy 2015 vide its letter dated 6 December 2016. The proposal has been taken up on consultation and a joint hearing on the case in reference was held on 27 February 2017 at the PPT premises in Bhubaneshwar. Based on the request made by the users as well as PPT at the joint hearing, PPT vide its letter dated 3 May 2017 has submitted its revised SOR. Based on a preliminary scrutiny of the proposal filed by PPT additional information / clarification has been sought from PPT.

3. In the meanwhile, the PPT vide its email dated 30 June 2017 has stated that due to Annual Audit of Accounts and preparedness for implementation of GST, it will take some more time for it to submit the requisite information. As such, PPT has requested to consider extension of the validity of existing SOR i.e. upto 30 September 2017.

4. The validity of the SOR of PPT has already expired on 31 March 2017. Considering the time required for processing the information / clarification to be furnished by the PPT and in order to avoid a vacuum in the SOR of PPT, it is felt appropriate to extend the validity of the existing SOR beyond 31 March 2017, as requested by the PPT.

5. In view of the above, this Authority extends the validity of the existing SOR of PPT beyond 31 March 2017 and upto 30 September 2017 or till the effective date of implementation of the revised SOR, whichever is earlier.

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