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Tariff Authority for Major Ports

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 48 and 49 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby disposes of the proposal from the Visakha Container Terminal Private Limited (VCTPL) for inserting a conditionality in its Scale of Rates for levy of penal charge for vessel idling at its berth for reasons attributable to shipping lines as in the Order appended hereto.

( A.L. Bongirwar )
Chairman

Tariff Authority for Major Ports
Case No. TAMP/13/2006 - VCTPL

Visakha Container Terminal Private Limited - - - Applicant

ORDER
(Passed on this 28th day of June 2007)

This case relates to the proposal dated 28 February 2007 from Visakha Container Terminal Private Limited (VCTPL) for inserting conditionality in its Scale of Rates for levy of penal charge for vessel idling at its berth for reasons attributable to shipping lines.

2. The VCTPL has proposed to levy penal charge of Rs.10,000/- per hour or part thereof for idling of vessel at its berth for reasons attributable to the shipping lines. It has furnished a list of vessels and the duration of delay at its terminal on account of vessel / shipping lines for the period July 2003 to December 2005 to substantiate the submissions made earlier.

3. In accordance with the consultative procedure prescribed, the proposal of VCTPL was forwarded to VPT and to the concerned user organisations for their comments. The comments received from the Visakhapatnam Container Lines Association (VCLA) were forwarded to VCTPL as feedback information. The VCTPL has responded to the comments of the VCLA.

4. The proceedings relating to consultation in this case are available on records at the office of this Authority. An excerpt of the comments received and arguments made by the concerned parties will be sent separately to the relevant parties. These details will also be made available at our website http://tariffauthority.gov.in.

5. The VCTPL has subsequently filed a separate proposal for a general review of its Scale of Rates in February 2007. In the said proposal, it has proposed to levy Rs. 5000 per hour on container vessels idling at its berth for more than 2 hours or part thereof for reasons attributable to shipping lines. The VCTPL has also clarified that the revised rate proposed in the tariff review proposal supercedes the proposed rate of Rs. 10000 per hour in its earlier proposal.

6. A joint hearing in this case was held on 12 June 2007 at the Visakhapatnam Port Trust premises along with the tariff revision proposal of the VCTPL. The revised tariff proposed for container vessels idling at the terminal has been analysed in general review proposal of the VCTPL which is being considered separately. Since the proposed tariff item has been revised and included in the general review proposal, it is not necessary to pursue this case separately.

7. In the result, and for the reasons given above, this case is closed as superfluous.

( A. L. Bongirwar )
Chairman