- The Tariff Authority for Major Ports had passed an order on 2 June 98 prescribing a system of classification of vessels as ‘coastal’ and ‘foreign-going’ for tariff purposes. This order was passed in a case pertaining to the Chennai Port Trust. But, copies of the order were forwarded for appropriate action to the Chairmen of all the Major Port Trusts. In fact, it was clarified in the body of the order itself that the system of classification was being prescribed “for common adoption by all the Major Ports”. Nevertheless, some Port Trusts have raised a doubt about the applicability of this order to their cases. It is hereby clarified that this Authority’s order dated 2 June 98, which was published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary (Part-III Section 4) as Gazette No. 35, will be applicable to all the Major Ports. In order to remove any (further) doubts in this regard, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 48 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), this clarification is hereby Notified. It is further clarified that, notwithstanding this clarificatory Notification, the date of enforcement of the order dated 2 June 98 will remain as hithertofore as 1 July 98.

S. Sathyam, Chairman

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