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Tariff Authority for Major Ports

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NOTIFICATION

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

( A.L. Bongirwar )
Chairman
This Authority had passed an Order on 16 May 2001 relating to general revision of its Scale of Rates of the Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT). This Order and consolidated Scale of Rates were notified in the Gazette of India on 4 June 2001.

2. The Scale of Rates approved by this Authority is valid for a period of two years from the date of notification of the Order. Accordingly, the VPT Scale of Rates has fallen due for review/revision in June 2003.

3. The VPT vide letter dated 14 June 2003 has requested this Authority to extend the validity of the existing rates till November 2003 since the proposal for revision of its rates is under consideration.

4. It may be relevant here to mention that subsequent to the last general revision, various revision/rationalisation have been carried out in the VPT Scale of Rates. Some of the main items are listed below:

   (i). Fixation of consolidated charges for transhipment of dry bulk cargo

   (ii). Fixation of tariff for transhipment of POL at anchorage, consolidated charge for shifting fenders for POL vessels.

   (iii). Introduction of road stead charges on tankers re-anchored at roads and not awaiting for transhipment.

   (iv). Introduction of volume discount scheme to importers and exporters.

   (v). Fixation of hire charge for 15 tonne capacity electrical luffing wharf crane.

   (vi). Rationalisation of various conditionalities proposed by the VPT in consultation with users.

5. Since the VPT has already initiated action to formulate its proposal for the next review, this Authority is inclined to allow the request of the port.

6. In this backdrop, this Authority extends the validity of the existing Scale of Rates of the VPT till 30 November 2003.

(A.L. Bongirwar)
Chairman