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Western India Shippers Association

Sirs,

Sub : Handling of cement bags in Mumbai Port.

It is observed by the Safety team of Mumbai Port Trust that handling of cement bags is not being carried out in environment friendly manner, thereby posing health hazard to the workers handling cement. With a view, therefore, to make all the concerned well aware, particularly cement handling workers, the ill effects of cement on the health and the environment and to enable them to maintain their health, following measures shall be undertaken while handling cement bags in Docks, outlying area of Docks and MbPT Railway with immediate effect:

- 1) To prevent dust formation during handling of cement bags ;
 - (i) no hooks shall be permitted to be used while handling cement bags,
 - (ii) strong and good quality bags shall be used for cement to sustain handling stress,
 - (iii) damaged or weak bags shall be discarded,

- (iv) to facilitate manual handling of cement bags, adequate handles (loop) shall be provided on the four corners of bag itself,
 - (v) cement bags shall not be dropped from a height but the same should be dragged on surface while handling,
 - (vi) spillage of cement on wharves, sheds, open areas, roads and railway sidings shall be immediately cleared to avoid formation of air borne dust and to prevent cement to enter in drain or other places.
- 2) Cement handling workers should be provided full body covering cloth and they should be advised to take bath after handling cement, so as to minimise skin contacts,
 - 3) Workers should not be allowed to idle/rest/eat in the shed where cement is being handled,
 - 4) All the workers engaged in handling cement should be provided mouth pads (covering mouth and nose) and there should be constant supervision to ensure that workers are using mouth pads so as to prevent ingesting and inhalation of cement dust.
 - 5) Adequate awareness amongst the workers about ill health of cement and personal hygiene should be given.
 - 6) Considering the nature of cargo, bare minimum workers should be deployed for handling cement.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(S.S. SHIRALKAR)
SR. DY.TRAFFIC MANAGER