

**MUMBAI PORT TRUST****PORT DEPARTMENT****VESSEL CALL NUMBER (VCN)**

DC/C-SH/1623

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To,

Tug OwnersBarge OwnersSmall Vessel OwnersCharterers of vessels involved in towing operations

Chief Port Officer, MMB

C I R C U L A R

All crafts, irrespective of their tonnage, which traverse Mumbai Port Harbour waters, irrespective of their origin, especially newly built crafts, need to be registered with Mumbai Port Trust and have their VCN generated before they enter Mumbai Port Harbour waters. Though pilotage is not compulsory for vessels under 100 GT, Water Conveyance Charges are applicable and would have to be paid on a monthly basis. Besides, any craft which is exempted from compulsory Pilot and is desirous of undertaking towing operations will not be allowed to do so unless the vessel has paid for the Water Conveyance and the VCN generated.

HARBOUR MASTER