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24th May 1988

From: The Deputy Conservator,
Bombay Port Trust,
Administrative Offices Building,
Shoorji Vallabhdas Marg,
Ballard Estate,
Bombay-400 038.

TO: _____

Dear Sir/s,

Sub : Levy of Oil Pollution Cess at the
Port of Bombay.

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Section 356 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, provides for levy of 'Oil Pollution Cess'. In exercise of powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 356A of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) the Govt. of India have appointed the first day of October 1988 as the day on which the provisions of Section 356M shall come into force.

2. A copy of the Gazette of India Notification dated 22-7-88, Merchant Shipping (levy of oil Pollution Cess) Rules 1988, is enclosed. The recovery of cess shall start at this Port with immediate effect from 1-6-1989. The cess shall also be payable in respect of vessels visited this Port from 1-10-1988 to 31-5-1989 and discharged and/or load oil as cargo.

3. This Port is responsible for collecting oil pollution cess as required under the said gazette notification on every tonne of oil imported by ship in India in bulk as cargo and shipped from any place in India in bulk as cargo of the ship. Following procedure will be followed :

- (i) Every ship calling at Bombay to discharge or to load oil as cargo, shall be liable to pay pollution cess before its arrival/departure. The definition of oil as per the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 ~~is~~ (1) Crude Oil; (2) Fuel Oil; (3) Lube Oil and (4) Heavy Diesel Oil.
- (ii) The cess shall be payable on manifested quantity of oil cargo at the rate of 50 paise per tonne.
- (iii) It shall be the responsibility of Owners/Agents etc. who make an application for berthing of vessels at the Port of Bombay, to pay such cess by producing manifest or making declaration of manifested quantity of cargo on board, if vessel is coming for discharge or after the ship has loaded oil as cargo.