



**MUMBAI PORT TRUST**

**DOCKS DEPARTMENT**

**SHORTER TIME LIMIT FOR DISPOSAL OF UNCLEARED PERISHABLE / TIME-SENSITIVE CARGOES**

No. TM/SW/Perishable Cargo/01 of 2007-08 Date: 27.07.2007

All Vessel Owners/Agents/Port Users/Importers/Exporters

Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce

Mumbai & Nhava Sheva Ship Intermodal Agents Association (MANSA)

All India Importers & Exporters Association

Western India Shippers Association

Indian Merchants Chambers

Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Bombay Customs House Agents Association

Federation of Indian Export Organisation (Western region)

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Sub. : Shorter time limit for disposal of uncleared  
perishable / time-sensitive cargoes.

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As per Section 61 and 62 of Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 uncleared goods that are likely to perish, or deteriorate quickly can be disposed of by sale by the Port within a period shorter than two months. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees of Port of Mumbai has accorded its approval for classifying import / export cargoes under the following three categories and fixed the time limit for their disposal as indicated below:

- (I) **Category I** : **Perishable Cargo**
- (a) Definition : Those items which will decay, decompose or deteriorate in a very short time span.
- (b) Items : (i) Live animals,  
(ii) Meat and edible meat offal,  
(iii) Fish & crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates,  
(iv) Dairy products, bird eggs, natural honey, edible products of animal origin, & products not elsewhere specified or included,  
(v) Products of animal origin not elsewhere specified or included,  
(vi) Live trees and other plants, bulb, roots and the like, cut flowers and ornamental foliage,  
(vii) Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers,  
(viii) Edible fruit and nuts, peel of citrus fruit or melons.  
(ix) Coconut & copra.
- (II) **Category II** : **Time-sensitive Cargo**
- (a) Definition : Substances, materials, which have a definite or predetermined shelf life or usability, or may deteriorate within a limited time period.

- (b) Items
- (i) Coffee, Tea, mate and spices
  - (ii) Cereals,
  - (iii) Malt, Starches, insulin, wheat gluten, products of the milling industry,
  - (iv) Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit, industrial or medicinal plants, straw and fodder,
  - (v) Lac, gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts,
  - (vi) Vegetable plaiting materials, vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included.
  - (vii) Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products, prepared edible fats, animal or vegetable waxes,
  - (viii) Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates,
  - (ix) Sugar and sugar confectionary,
  - (x) Cocoa and cocoa preparations,
  - (xi) Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk, Pastry cook products,
  - (xii) Preparation of vegetables, fruits, nuts or other parts of plants,
  - (xiii) Miscellaneous edible preparations,
  - (xiv) Beverages, spirits and vinegar, molasses,
  - (xv) Residues and waste from the food industries, prepared animal fodder,
  - (xvi) Tobacco and manufactured tobacco products,
  - (xvii) Pharmaceutical products,
  - (xviii) Pro-vitamins, vitamins and hormones.

(III) **Category III** : **Non-perishable, non-time sensitive cargo**

(a) Definition : All cargoes other than those mentioned at (I) and (II) above.

2. Time frame for listing of uncleared cargoes for sale :

**Category I** : **Perishable Cargo**

- (I)
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| Import | : | Within 10 to 30 days following the Vessel Completion Date (VCD).             |
| Export | : | Within 10 to 30 days following the last free day allowed to the consignment. |
- (II) **Category II** : **Time-Sensitive Cargo**
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|--------|---|--|
| Import | : | Within 31 to 50 days following the Vessel Completion Date (VCD).         |
| Export | : | Within 31 to 50 days following the date of receipt of the cargo in Port. |
- (III) **Category III** : **Non-perishable, non-time-sensitive Cargo**
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|--------|---|--|
| Import | : | After 60 <sup>th</sup> day of Vessel Completion Date (VCD).                    |
| Export | : | After 60 <sup>th</sup> day following the date of receipt of the cargo in Port. |

3. All Vessel Owners / Agents / Port Users / Importers / Exporters are hereby requested to note the above time frame for disposal of perishable and time sensitive cargo.

**ADDL. DOCKS MANAGER**