



Berthing priorities at BPS/BPX berths

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The President,

Mumbai & Nhava Sheva Ship Agents' Association

The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.

All Vessel Agents/Ship Owners

Sir,

Sub : Berthing priorities at BPS/BPX berths.

In supersession of this office circular No.TM/B/1-5/4717 of 2003/04 dated 27.08.2004, following amendments in the matter of berthing priorities at BPX berth will come into force with immediate effect:

A) **Order of priority:**

- a) First and ousting priority at BPX berth shall be for passenger vessels.
- b) 2nd priority to extraordinarily large over dimensional vessels requiring occupation of both the berths viz.BPX/BPS. Such priority will be subject to the condition that these vessels do not occupy BPX/BPS berth for more than 72 hours. It will be compulsory for such vessels to vacate the berth suitably before the berthing of passenger vessels at BPX.

Berthing of such vessels will be planned, whenever necessary by shifting the vessels working at BPX/BPS to other suitable berths &/or stream for Port convenience. Berthing of such vessels is subject to declare the schedule in advance by 90 days.

- c) 3rd and non-outsting priority to Pure Car Carriers if the vessel is loading more than 1000 cars.
- d) 4th priority to all other over dimensional vessels which have declared their schedule of arrival. Such berthing would be given the order of arrival and readiness to berth.

B) **Advance schedule of arrival and confirmation of ETAs:**

Vessels requiring priority berthing as above will have to declare their schedule of arrival and confirm their ETAs as below:

- i) Extraordinary long vessels for priority berthing requiring berth at BPX or BPS, at least 90 days in advance.
 - ii) For other overdimensional vessels; 21 days in advance with + of 72 hours in ETA.
 - iii) 7 days in advance with + of 12 hours.
 - iv) 3 days in advance with + of 6 hours.
2. BPS berth will be treated on par with the BPX for getting order of priority . However, a gearless container vessel, which has given a confirmed schedule of arrival will be following at BPS after completion/shifting of the vessel thereat.
3. The Vessel Agents may mention the berth they desire i.e BPX and/or BPS. However, the berths shall be so allotted as to cause minimum disruption in the operations.
4. For vessels loading export cargo and requiring BPS/BPX for further loading in view of draft restrictions, the readiness declared by the Agents will be taken for allotting BPX/BPS. For this purpose a working vessel in the Docks may get priority over vessels waiting in stream or vessels due to arrive.

Yours faithfully

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