



MUMBAI PORT TRUST

DOCKS DEPARTMENT

FREE DAYS FOR PRE-SHIPMENT STORAGE OF EXPORT VEHICLES IN DOCKS

No. TM/A/15-22/6

of 1995-96

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President,

Mumbai & Nhava-Sheva Ship-Agents' Association

President,

The Bombay Custom House Agents' Association

Western India Shippers' Association

Federation of Indian Exporters' Organisation

Indian Merchants' Chamber

Sir/s,

Sub: Free days for pre-shipment storage

of export vehicles in Docks.

With a view to encourage shipment of export vehicles including passenger vehicles through Mumbai Port, pre-shipment storage facility of 30 free days has been extended for aggregation of export vehicles in the Docks at Gamadia Complex and extended Gamadia Road. With the increase in demand for pre-shipment storage facility for aggregation of vehicles meant for export, area at RCD, Cotton Depot has also been earmarked as pre-shipment storage facility for aggregation of vehicles.

2. It is observed that export of vehicles through Mumbai Port has increased over the

years with the Port handling 32,222 vehicles in 2005-06, 86831 vehicles in 2006-07 and with the increasing trend it is expected MbPT will handle over 1,20,000 vehicles during this fiscal. On analysis, it is observed that though the average dwell time on export vehicles in the Docks proper is about 12-14 days, however, some of the vehicles have overstayed in the Docks proper beyond 20/30 days, thus obstructing the free flow of new vehicles meant for exports.

3. With a view to have better turn around of export vehicles within the Docks proper, specially with steep increase in the volume of export vehicles and to ensure that the exporters/CHAs plan their shipment well in advance vis-à-vis ETA of the vessel, the carting of the vehicles needs to be regulated for having optimum utilisation of storage area

4. It is therefore decided that with effect from 14.5.2007, the free days for aggregation of export vehicles in the Docks proper shall be limited to 20 days. It is expected that the vehicle carted in the Docks proper are shipped within the free period of 20 days. For the vehicles, which are carted in the Docks but not shipped within the period of 20 days, demurrage shall be leviable as per the prevailing Scale of Rates from the 21st day onwards. Exporters desiring to avail 30 free days shall route their vehicles through RCD and bring the vehicles to Docks proper only 20 days prior to the shipment.

5. You are requested to kindly give wide publicity to the concerned CHAs and exporters of vehicles.

Yours faithfully,

(R. N. SHAIKH)

DY. DOCKS MANAGER