



**MUMBAI PORT TRUST**

**DOCKS DEPARTMENT**

**CLASSIFICATION OF VESSELS : PAYMENT OF BERTH HIRE CHARGES - REG.**

No.TM/B/1-11/33 of 2006-07

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MUMBAI NHAVA SHIP AGENTS ASSOCIATION

INDIAN NATIONAL SHIP OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Sir/s,

**Sub : Classification of vessels –**

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In terms of General Conditions at Chapter 1 of Scale of Rates (SOR) at para 1.2 (i) status of the vessel is decided as per certification either by Customs or Directorate General of Shipping as Coastal or Foreign going. Definition of Coastal and Foreign going vessel is as per para 1.1. (ii) and (iii) respectively of Scale of Rates (SOR). Your attention is invited to General Conditions at para 1.2 (ii) (c) and (d) according to which conversion by Customs or Directorate General of Shipping as coastal is valid only for the duration of coastal cargo operations by such vessels. Accordingly, such vessels may pay berth hire charges at coastal rates. On failure to comply with any of the above conditions foreign rates are levied for occupancy of berth. Foreign going vessels berthed exclusively for repairs, even if the vessel change the status from foreign to coastal, shall pay berth hire charges at the rate applicable as foreign going vessel only.

Further your attention is invited to Addl. Docks Manager's circular No. TM/B/1-11/30 of 06-07 dated 14.3.2008 according to which the copies of certification as above are required to be verified with the originals and attested by Bills Supervisor, OSC.

While on the subject, it may be pointed out that berth hire charges are being accepted as per self assessment by shipping companies. Taking into consideration exigencies in berthing of the ships such deposits are accepted. It should be ensured that the berth hire charges, are assessed as per the time required for loading and discharging of the consignments, as otherwise majority of the cases are resulting in shortfall. Considering the likely difficulties in exact assessment of the stay of the vessel, the agents are requested to make supplementary payment immediately after sailing of vessels so that no shortfall bills need to be generated.

In view of the above, you are requested to inform your members suitably.

Yours faithfully,

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**DY. DOCKS MANAGER**  
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