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## TRADE CIRCULAR

**Sub: Remissions / Waivers / deferments on various Port Charges due to the lock down to prevent the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic at KDS, KoPT.**

**Ref: Trade Circular no. Tfc/GZZY-241/Circular/Demurrage dated 03.04.2020 and TFC/GZZY-241/Circular-COVID dated 28.04.2020**

Further to the Trade Circular referred above, in compliance to order issued by the Ministry of Shipping (MoS), Government of India under Section 111 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), vide its communication no. PD-14033/4/2020-PD VII dated 21.04.2020, it is hereby intimated that the following remissions / waivers / deferments shall be granted by Kolkata Dock System, Kolkata Port Trust:

### 1. Remission of Charges to Port Users:

- i) Free storage time shall be allowed for the lock down period from 22 March 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 and accordingly, no demurrage /storage charge as per Sections 7 and 15 of Scale of Rates shall be levied against cargo and containers remaining in the Dock.
- ii) As per the Dry Bulk Berthing policy of KDS, KoPT will not be charged for non-achievement of Benchmark Productivity against vessels hauled out during the Lock-down period i.e. from 22nd March 2020 to 3rd May 2020 plus 30 days' recovery period.
- iii) No compensation as per Schedule of Rent of KoPT (as mentioned under KDS Conditionalities for licensing of custom bound transit storage areas, as amended) shall be levied on plots allotted on short term license inside Dock during the Lock-down period i.e. from 22nd March 2020 to 3rd May 2020 plus 30 days' recovery period. Even if the License of land /covered shed inside Dock allotted for transit storage of import / export cargo has expired or expires in future and the licensee continues to occupy the premises unauthorisedly, the period of such continued occupation of land/covered shed from 22nd March 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 plus 30 days' recovery period shall not be treated as unauthorized occupation for the purpose of levy of compensation

charge as per Schedule of Rent of Kolkata Port Trust and only normal license fee shall be levied for the lockdown period.

## **2. Vessel related charges from Shipping Lines**

Kolkata Dock System, KoPT shall allow interest free 60 days' deferment of Marine Dues / Vessel Related Charges as per Scale of Rates to Indian Coastal Vessels, if requested by vessel operators. Ports shall obtain requisite Bank Guarantee, as security, from coastal vessel operators for the same. Only deferment requests received by 30th May 2020 shall be considered.

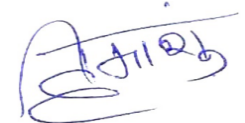
## **3. Other remissions due to Force Majeure:**

Ministry of Shipping vide its order no. PD-13/33/2020-PPP/e-339106 dated 20.03.20 and letter dated 24.03.20 has intimated that COVID-19 pandemic shall be considered as natural calamity and entitle invocation of 'force majeure' provision in as much as obligations under various contracts are concerned involving Major Ports. In view of the above the following duration of force majeure shall be applicable for KDS, KoPT:

- i) The period of Force Majeure starts from 19th March 2020 as per Ministry of Finance, Government of India, OM no. 18/4/2020-PPD dated 19.03.2020.
- ii) The period will end when the competent Authority so orders.

4. The order of MOS vide its communication PD-14033/4/2020-PD VII dated 21.04.2020 supersedes the earlier order of MOS vide No-PD-14300/4/2020-PD VII dated 31.03.2020. This circular supersedes the earlier circulars of KDS under reference no. Tfc/GZZY-241/Circular/Demurrage dated 03.04.2020 and TFC/GZZY-241/Circular-COVID dates 28.04.2020 referred above.

The remissions / waivers / deferments stipulated in this order shall be extended to only port related activities, industries and commercial establishments. This order is not applicable on any captive user, Central or State Govt. entities, local bodies, PSUs, CPSEs. The aforesaid waivers / remissions of charges is to be implemented strictly by all Port users, Stevedores and Handling Agents, PPP concessioners, CFS, ICD, Shipping Lines, etc.



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