



**SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE PORT, KOLKATA
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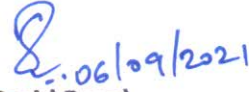
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Sub.: GENERAL POLICY FOR DEPLOYMENT OF FLOATING CRANES AT SANDHEADS AND POINT 'X' WITHIN THE LIMIT OF SMP, KOLKATA

Enclosed please find the General Policy for deployment of Floating Cranes at Sandheads and Point 'X' within the limit of SMP, Kolkata. The said policy will be effective immediately and followed for handling of vessels at Sandheads / Point 'X' through Floating Cranes during the period from Mid-October to Mid-March.

All concerned are requested to be guided accordingly.

Encl: As stated.



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cc.: The President, The Association of Shipping Interest in Calcutta (ASIC), 6, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata-700 001 (Fax: 033-4012 8989) : For information with a request to circulate the same among the members please.

cc.: All Importers / Exporters / Vessels' Agents / Floating Crane Operators / Barge Operators: For information and necessary action please.

**GENERAL POLICY FOR DEPLOYMENT OF FLOATING CRANES AT SANDHEADS
AND POINT 'X' WITHIN THE LIMIT OF SMP, KOLKATA**

The undermentioned procedure will be followed by all concerned for handling of vessels at Sandheads / Point 'X' through Floating Cranes during the period from Mid-October to Mid-March:

- 1) Floating Cranes will be deployed at Sandheads / Point "X" primarily for lighterage / topping up operations. However, for Cape Size / Baby Cape Size Vessels and any other vessels, which cannot come to HDC because of the size restrictions, full discharge / loading by Floating Cranes will be allowed.
- 2) Deployment of Floating Cranes on account gearless vessels will get priority over the geared vessels.
- 3) Concerned Steamer Agents / Importers / Exporters of the vessels requiring services of Floating Cranes have to intimate the arrival and declare the vessel with SMPK at least 25 days prior to her scheduled ETA indicating the location(s) as well as quantity to be lightened / topped up. A copy of such declaration shall be sent to the Floating Crane Operator. In case of any deferment of ETA by more than 5 days, the seniority of the vessel shall not be considered and the Floating Crane will be deployed against some other vessels.
- 4) Prior to arrival of the vessel, all documentary formalities shall have to be complied with. The vessels, which are ready in all respects, shall be considered for deployment of Floating Crane. Reporting time of the vessel shall be considered for determining the seniority provided all other formalities, including adherence to the vessel declaration timeline, are maintained by the concerned stakeholders.
- 5) Two Floating Cranes shall be provided to the senior most Cape / Baby Cape / Panamax vessel at Sandheads as well as at Point 'X'. However, when cargo of around 15% - 20% of DWT remain on-board, one Floating Crane may be released for deployment on account of other vessel at Sandheads, if any. For handling of Panamax vessel, both Floating Cranes shall be provided simultaneously provided there is no Cape or Baby Cape or any other gearless vessels for operation.
- 6) For any dispute / discrepancy with regard to deployment of Floating Crane, the decision of SMP, Kolkata authorities would be final and binding on all concerned.
- 7) Both the Floating Cranes will remain at Sandheads and / or Point 'X' for cargo operation during this period. However, in case of non-availability of any vessel or bad weather or if Port Administration so desires then the Floating Cranes may be shifted to Sagar.
- 8) Port Management has right to change / modify the above procedure in case it deems fit due to any reason whatsoever.

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