

## KANDLA PORT STEAMSHIP AGENTS ASSOCIATION

Dt: 24th May 2022.

To, The Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority, Gandhidham.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Waiver of Berth hire/Penalty charges for vessels suspended loading operation of Wheat.

Sir, as the Government published vide Notification No.06/2015-2020, New Delhi, Dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 amending the export policy of wheat cargo and in response the Port and Customs applied suspension of the loading operations of all the wheat vessels occupied at Kandla DPA berth from 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022. As a result all the wheat loading vessels remained idle at Port awaiting Govt. orders.

Deendayal Port Authority, Scale of Rates, No.3.1.B, Schedule of Berth Hire charges, Notes point no.5, provides a provision that "No berth hire shall be levied for the period when the vessels idle at berths due to break down of port equipment or power failure or any other reasons attributable to the Port."

Sir, since the action of suspending the loading operation was initiated by the Port and Customs, this action qualifies the DPA Scale of Rates No. 3.1.B, Notes point no.5 under " any other reasons attributable to the Port" and we therefore request your goodselves to kindly consider the idling of all such wheat vessels under this category and grant waiver of berth hire charges or any penalty thereof.

Your kind consideration in this matter, which was beyond the control of vessel or operators, will highly appreciated.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For Kandla Port Steamship Agents Association,

President.

Cc : The Dy. Chairman ,Deendayal Port Authority, Gandhidhami

Cc : The Traffic Manager ,Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla.

Cc : The Sr.DTM ,Deendayal Port Authority, Kandla.