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Ministry of Shipping, Government of India, has fixed the target for TRT during 2017-18 as 2.5 days. The TRT achieved during financial year 2016-17 is 4.4 days against the target of 3.3 days.

In this connection, as already discussed in the operational review meeting the Steamer / Stevedore Agents are here by informed that the following measures should be undertaken for improving the productivity and to reduce the TRT.

1. All vessel operations should be planned to complete discharge / loading of cargo within 2.5 days including pre-commencement and post-completion of work.
2. Stevedores must also attend the Operations Review Meeting.
3. Undertaking letter declaring the readiness for vessel in all respect including full working condition of gears should be sent through mail 24 hours before berthing.
4. No preference in berthing will be given for small vessels or vessels with cargo in one or two hatches.
5. The Customs Boarding / Clearance time should be reported to the Berth Supervisor.
6. Pre-commencement activities including Survey may be carried out at Anchorage itself to reduce idle time at berth.
7. All the gears including Shore cranes should be effectively utilized and gangs engaged accordingly matching to the number of hatches to optimize output

8. To ensure hot seat exchange, the work should be continued without any break except the stipulated meals break. The Stevedore should ensure that the workers engaged by them (both TSA & own) commence the work immediately at the commencement of shift and works till the end of shift.

9. FEL operators / truck drivers should also be instructed to stop only during meals break.

10. Shifting of vessel from IX berth may not be claimed as a matter of right and shall be shifted to only if required in order to get higher productivity. Finishing vessels need not be shifted. Any vessel from IX berth if shifted to Outer roads on agent request may loose the arrival priority.

11. Vessels not achieving the norms and idling at berths for more than an hour for whatever reasons may be shifted to Outer roads with no further claim for berth on priority.

12. If any vessel is shifted to Outer Roads for poor performance and idling, the vessel must be made ready for shifting within 2 hours failing which the Steamer Agent may be black listed for 6 months.

13. Not more than one hour should be taken for pre-commencement / post-completion of all vessels and only 30 minutes for vessels berthed at Mechanized berths.


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