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TRADE NOTICE

Sub: Exemption of Port & Vessels Related Charges and Priority Berthing for RoPax / Passenger Ferry Operations / Vessels- reg.

In order to promote the surface water transportation and encourage the newly emerging inland passenger and vehicle movement ecosystem of the country. The Port and Vessel Related Charges for the RoPax & Passenger Ferry operations has been exempted for a further period of one year w.e.f. 22.01.2024 as per the Ministry of Ports Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) Lr No: SM-25021/49/2016-SM (Sagarmala)- Part(1) (e-321573), dated 19.02.2024.


02/03/24
TRAFFIC MANAGER

To

All Stakeholders

Government of India
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
(Sagarmala -II)

3rd Floor, PTI Building,
Parliament Street,
New Delhi-110001
Dated: 19th February, 2024

To,

1. Chairperson, All Major Ports
2. CEO, All State Maritime Boards

Subject: Exemption of Port & Vessel related charges and Priority Berthing for RoPax/ Passenger Ferry Operations/ Vessels- reg.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to state that the Ministry is constantly working towards promoting and encouraging the newly emerging ecosystem of passenger and vehicle movement through waterways/ urban waterways passenger transportation (RoPax & Passenger Ferry) services.

2. In this context, this Ministry vide OM dated 22.07.2022 directed the Major Ports to provide exemption on the port & vessel related charges to the RoPax & Passenger Ferry operators for the period of six months. The exemption was further extended for a tenure of one year till 21.01.2024 wherein the Ministry also requested the State Maritime Boards to consider similar kind of exemption for the promotion of this eco system and requested to provide priority berthing to the RoPax & Passenger Ferry vessels to avoid any unseen events.

3. Subsequently, the Ministry has also been engaging with the line ministries in GoI to relax various taxes levied on fuel required for the RoPax & Passenger Ferry operations and exploring VGF opportunities for sustainable operations.


4. In continuation to above efforts, it has been decided that the exemption of port & vessel related charges for the RoPax & Passenger Ferry operations shall be further extended for a period of one year w.e.f. 22.01.2024 by all the major ports in continuation of this Ministry's OM of even no. dated 22.07.2022 and 06.01.2023.

5. All the State Maritime Boards are also requested that they may too consider giving relief of the similar kind and make necessary efforts to promote the newly emerging eco-system. Furthermore, all the major ports and state maritime boards/ organizations are also requested to provide highest priority berthing to the RoPax/ Passenger ferry vessels.

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6. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Yours faithfully,


19/02/2024

(Sanjay Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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