

MUMBAI PORT TRUST
(TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT)

No.TM/D/4-3/41

31st March 2015

CIRCULAR

The President,
Mumbai & Nhava Sheva Ship Agents' Association
The President,
Brihanmumbai Custom House Agents' Association
The President,
Indian Merchant Chambers
The President,
Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry
The President,
All Indian Importers Exporters Association
The President,
All India Association of Industries
The President,
Federation of Indian Exporters Organisation
The President,
Indian Sugar Exim Corporation
The President
Western Indian Shippers Association
The President
Pulses Importers Association
The President
Container Shipping Lines Association
The President
Shipping Corporation of India Ltd

Sirs,

**Sub : Amendment in definition of 'Day' in Scale of Rates
(SOR).**

As per Clause 1.1 (vii) of Scale of Rates (SOR), "Day" is defined as under :

"Day means a calendar day i.e. the period from the midnight of a day to the midnight of the following day".

Further, as per Section 3.1 (B) of the SOR, demurrage is recovered on the cargo after expiry of free days at the rate specified therein. Thus, the cargo which is cleared from the Docks after expiry of last free days (in terms of definition of 'Day' in SOR), attracts demurrage, if cleared after midnight of the last free day or thereafter.

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2. The issue of charging of demurrage on cargo loaded on trucks for delivery beyond midnight and consequential detention of loaded vehicles inside the dock has been raised by Port users/ Port User's Association time and again in the past. They have been requesting MbPT to change the definition of 'Day' in the SOR, which would also mitigate the traffic congestion or delays in movement of outward loaded trucks meant for delivery from the Dock gates.

3. The issue has been examined by the Board in its meeting held on 27.03.2015 and the Board has accorded sanction to the modified definition of 'Day' in MbPT's SOR from –

“Day means a calendar day i.e. the period from the midnight of a day to the midnight of the following day”.

to

“Day shall mean the period starting from 0800 hours of a day and ending at 0800 hours of the following day”.

4. The above changes shall be in force with effect from 01.04.2015.

Yours faithfully,

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(S.S. SHIRALKAR)
SR. DY. TRAFFIC MANAGER