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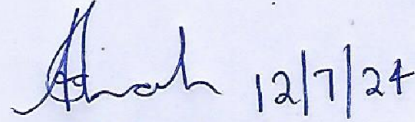
TRADE NOTICE

Sub: System Improvement regarding movement of Indian barges in Hooghly River.

As approved by Competent Authority following system improvement has been introduced to ensure safe movement of cargo barges engaged in lighterage operation within the limits of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata.

1. Barges more than 20 years old shall be surveyed by IACS approved classification society irrespective of their plying limits i.e. Zone-I, Zone-II and Zone-III.
2. Cargo barges with certificate of extension shall not be allowed to ply in Hooghly River under any circumstances. The barge shall be delisted once the certificate expires and thereafter it can be enlisted with issue of fresh certificate by IWT, Government of West Bengal.
3. Before entering the docks all barge owners shall give an undertaking that their barges are not overloaded and there is no water ingress or cement box in their barges.
4. Cargo barges having cement box in underwater region shall obtain condition of class from the classification society as may be required on case to case basis. Non-class barges shall obtain such certificate from IWT, Government of West Bengal.
5. Penalty like delisting of all barges permanently including banning of business with SMPK shall be imposed on the barge owner for any accident / incident owing to poor maintenance of barges and for not adhering to the navigational safety rules/regulations.

The above system improvement is being introduced with immediate effect.



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