

ऑपरेशनल ऑफिस कंप्लेक्स,  
चिरंजीबपुर, हल्दिया-721604,  
जिला-पूर्ब मेदिनीपुर.

  
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**TRADE CIRCULAR**

**Sub: Unloading of barges carrying lighterage cargo from various deep drafted locations of SMPA at  
HDC.**

To obviate draft restrictions in the riverine channel, SMPA is promoting handling of dry bulk cargo through full laden vessels at outer anchorages by deployment of Floating Cranes (FC). Lighterage cargo at the Port has witnessed a phenomenal increase. At present the importers opting for lighterage of their vessel through FC at Sandhead / Saugor / Point X or other offshore anchorages are required to book slots for FC well in advance based on the basis of ETA of such vessels.

Thus, in a view to effectively accommodate the increased volumes of cargo through lighterage operations with Floating Cranes and to decongest HFTPL, the appropriate authority of HDC, SMPA has decided that henceforth unloading of the barges at HDC shall be done in the manner placed below:

1. All barges carrying lighterage cargo unloaded from vessels by deploying **Floating Cranes** under Port contract, shall be primarily handled at **Haldia Floating Terminal Pvt. Ltd. (HFTPL)** to ensure productivity through Floating Cranes.
2. All barges carrying cargo unloaded from geared vessels working with **Ship's Cranes** at various lighterage points shall be primarily handled **inside the impounded dock** as per **Port convenience**.

In perspective of the above, all concerned are requested to be guided accordingly.

  
22.12.2022.

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