

**KOLKATA PORT TRUST****कोलकाता पत्तन न्यास****TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT****यातायात विभाग**

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Plastic bags and sheets and other materials meant for packaging and storage of pulses, food-grains and other cargo are often being thrown into dock water and in and around sheds/jetties/yards. The same is causing blockage of recirculation pumps at lock-gates leading to their breakdown, crippling propellers of tugs and ships and choking the entire drainage system in the docks resulting in huge accumulation of water around sheds and yards during monsoon. This is apart from the pollution threats caused by accumulation of such non-biodegradable waste.

A circular in this regard had been issued by this office on 14.01.2016. However the problem has again intensified at docks in the recent months.

All Handling Agents, Stevedores, Licensees, Steamer Agents, Barge Operators, Importers/Exporters and their Clearing Agents working at KDS are hereby advised to exercise extreme caution so that empty plastic bags and sheets are not disposed in dock-water or strewn around sheds/jetties/yards. In case any operator fails to do the same and found to be negligent in handling/removing, KoPT will have no other option but to initiate suspension of operation till of the concerned agency takes remedial action. The authority may also consider recovery of cost of damage, suspension/cancellation of license of the operator for non-compliance.

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