



PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

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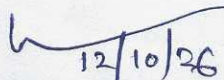
TRADE NOTICE

Sub: Restriction on Entry of Unseaworthy Vessels and Compliance with Mandatory Maritime Safety Protocols at PPA - reg

It has been observed recently that certain vessels are causing operational disruptions due to poor maintenance and lack of seaworthiness. Bringing a vessel with compromised structural integrity or failed critical machinery into Paradip Port Authority (PPA) waters seriously jeopardizes port safety, risks blocking vital navigational channels, and threatens severe ecological damage. In light of this, the Paradip Port Authority hereby issues a **stern warning** to all shipping agents, owners, and concerned agencies:

- **Strict Liability for Unseaworthiness:** It is the absolute responsibility of the Shipping Agents and Charterers to ensure that any vessel fixed for PPA is fully seaworthy, fit for its intended voyage, and compliant with international maritime regulations (SOLAS, MARPOL, and STCW).
- **Mandatory Pre-Arrival Declaration:** Agents must thoroughly vet the vessel's recent survey reports, machinery status, and structural condition. Any known defects, engine issues, or hull deficiencies must be declared to the Marine Department prior to the vessel entering port limits.
- **Prohibition of Defective Vessels:** PPA reserves the right to deny entry, suspend pilotage, or order any vessel to leave the port limits immediately if it is found to have undisclosed, critical mechanical or structural defects.
- **Financial and Legal Penalties:** In the event of an incident arising from neglected maintenance or concealed unseaworthiness, the concerned agencies, owners, and charterers will be held strictly liable for all rescue costs, salvage operations, port delays, and environmental cleanup expenses. Legal action and blacklisting of the vessel/agency will be initiated for non-compliance.

All stakeholders are directed to strictly adhere to these safety protocols to ensure accident-free navigation and protect the integrity of Paradip Port. Non-compliance will be viewed with utmost seriousness.


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TRAFFIC MANAGER

Copy to:

- 1) All Shipping Agents / Vessel Charterers / Operators
- 2) All Registered Stevedores / Port Users
- 3) Recognized Organizations (RO) / Marine Surveyors
- 4) All Concerned Maritime Agencies / Stakeholders