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## Tariff Authority for Major Ports

### NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 49 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby approves the proposal from the Mormugao Port Trust for continuance of the rebate of 25% in vessel-related charges (berth hire and anchorage charges) for vessels of 1,60,000 DWT and above as in the Order appended hereto.

( S. Sathyam )

Chairman

The Mormugao Port Trust (MOPT) ..... Applicant

### **O R D E R**

(Passed on this 31st day of December 2001)

This case relates to a proposal submitted by the Mormugao Port Trust (MOPT) for continuance of a rebate of 25% in Vessel Related Charges for vessels of 1,60,000 DWT and above till June 2002 or till such time the Scale of Rates for such charges is revised.

2. This Authority has also received a request from the Goa Mineral Ore Exporters' Association (GMOEA) for continuation of the rebate until 30 June 2002 or until the case for revision of Vessel Related Charges and Cargo Related Charges due in June 2002 is disposed of.

3. This Authority earlier vide its Order dated 2 June 2000 introduced a provision in the Scale of Rates of the MOPT about allowing a 25% rebate upto 31 December 2000 on vessels of 1.6 lakh DWT and above at the request of the MOPT to regularise a long standing remission allowed by its Board of Trustees in this regard. Subsequently, vide Order dated 5 November 2001 this rebate was allowed to continue for a further period from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2001.

4. When its proposal for revision of Vessel Related Charges was processed for disposal, the MOPT pointed out that a lump-sum levy of US\$ 3,500 (now stands revised at US\$ 4550.23) was fixed in 1990 to be charged from the vessels ranging from 50,000 to 1,00,000 DWT to set off the loss on account of the 25% remission in charges on vessels of 1.6 lakh DWT and above. The MOPT has already been advised to rationalise the levy of lump-sum charge and the existing system of levying an additional lump-sum of berth hire charge has been allowed to continue till next general revision of tariffs. Since this lump-sum levy still continues, it provides a cushion to absorb the loss, if any, on account of the rebate allowed on vessels of 1.6 lakh DWT and above.

5. The Scale of Rates of the MOPT is due for revision / review in June 2002. The issue of rationalising the lump-sum levy in berth hire charges will be taken up for consideration only at the time of next general revision of Scale of Rates. That being so, it may be reasonable to allow the 25% rebate on berth hire and anchorage charges on vessels of size of 1,60,000 DWT and above to continue till the next general revision of tariffs.

6.1. In the result, and for the reasons given above, this Authority amends Item-12 of Notes common to Sections-C(i) and c(ii) - Part-I under Vessel Related Charges; Section-C- Berth Hire / Anchorage Charges in the Scale of Rates of the MOPT with effect from 1 January 2002 as follows:

*“A concession of 25% will be allowed on the Berth Hire and Anchorage Charges on vessels of size 1,60,000 DWT and above”.*

6.2. This amendment is subject to review at the time of next general revision of the Scale of Rates of the MOPT.

**( S. Sathyam )**

Chairman

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