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TARIFF AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR PORTS

G No. 48

New Delhi,

10 February 2014

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 48, 49 and 50 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 (38 of 1963), the Tariff Authority for Major Ports hereby extends the validity of the existing Scale of Rates at the Chennai Port Trust as in the Order appended hereto.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)

Tariff Authority for Major Ports
Case No.TAMP/45/2008-CHPT

QUORUM

- (i). Shri. T.S. Balasubramanian, Member (Finance)
- (ii). Shri. Chandra Bhan Singh, Member (Economic)

ORDER

(Passed on this 10th day of January 2014)

This case relates to the extension of the validity of the existing Scale of Rates of the Chennai Port Trust (CHPT).

2. The existing Scale of Rates (SOR) of the CHPT was last approved by this Authority vide Order No. TAMP/45/2008-CHPT dated 10 November 2010 which is notified in the Gazette of India on 11 January 2011. The Order prescribes the validity of the SOR till 31 March 2013. This Authority has extended the validity of SOR of CHPT twice. This Authority has last extended the validity of the existing SOR of CHPT till 31 December 2013 vide its Order dated 29 October 2013.

3. The proposal filed by the CHPT vide its letter dated 19 February 2013 and 29 May 2013 is registered as tariff case and taken on consultation with the concerned users / user association. The additional information / clarification sought on its proposal vide our letter dated 24 September 2013 is awaited. Joint hearing on the case was held on 27 September 2013. As agreed at the joint hearing, the CHPT was requested to initiate action on the points decided at the joint hearing and also furnish its response to our queries raised vide our letter dated 24 September 2013. The response of the CHPT is awaited. Response of the CHPT when received will have to be further examined which will involve time. In view of the above position, it will take some time for the case to mature for consideration of this Authority.

4. In the meantime, the Government in Ministry of Shipping (MOS) has extended the validity of Tariff Guidelines, 2005 till 31 March 2014 or until further orders. As advised by the MOS, this Authority has extended the validity of Tariff Guidelines, 2005 vide its Order No. TAMP/21/2009-WS dated 20 December 2013 which is notified in the Gazette of India on 26 December 2013 vide G. No. 340.

5. The extended validity of the existing SOR of CHPT expired on 31 December 2013. Considering the present status of the case as brought out in the preceding paragraphs and recognizing that the time required for this case to mature for consideration and also recognising that as the validity of the Tariff Guidelines, 2005 is extended till 31 March 2014, this Authority extends the validity of the existing SOR till 31 March 2014 or till the effective date of implementation of the revised Scale of Rates, whichever is earlier.

6. If any additional surplus over and above the admissible cost and permissible return emerges for the period post 1 April 2013, during the review of its performance, such additional surplus will be set off fully in the tariff to be determined.

(T.S. Balasubramanian)
Member (Finance)