

CHENNAI PORT TRUST

ORDER

No.ICM2/711/2020/GA

Dated:23.04.20

**Sub : Force Majeure – Issues at Major Ports - Exemption /Remission of Charges – Reg.**

Ref : MoS letter No.PD-14033/4/2020-PD VII, dated 21.04.20

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The outbreak of Covid-19 has been declared as Pandemic. In view of the developments related to Covid-19, the Ministry of Finance vide OM No.18/4/2020-PPD dated 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 has clarified that spread of corona virus should be considered as a case of natural calamity and "**Force Majeure**" may be invoked. Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has issued Order No.40-3/2020-DM(A) dt.24.3.2020 and subsequent Order dt.15.4.2020 along with amendments to impose lock down from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 to contain Covid-19 Pandemic in the Country.

The Ministry of Shipping, Government of India vide Order No PD-13/33/2020-PPP/e-339106 dated 20.03.2020 and letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 has intimated the Major Ports that the COVID-19 pandemic shall be considered as a 'natural calamity' that would entitle invocation of "**Force Majeure**" provisions.

Accordingly, Chennai Port Trust hereby declares "**Force Majeure**" provisions in as much as concerned obligations under various contracts. However, the aforesaid orders do not impact or dilute the fact that Chennai Port remain operational during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue cargo operations in all respects

The period of "**Force Majeure**" starts from the date of order of Ministry of Finance referred above and will end when the competent authority so orders.

This issues with the approval of Chairman.

All H.O.Ds

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SECRETARY

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