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Government of India  
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways  
(Ports Wing)

Transport Bhawan,  
Parliament Street,  
New Delhi-110001  
Dated 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

To

The Chairman / Chairperson of Major Ports  
& CMD, Kamarajar Port Limited,

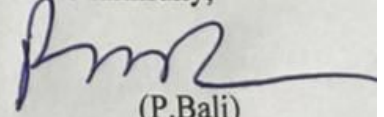
**Subject:- Directions Under Section 111 of The Major Port Trust Act, 1963 regarding Handling of Vessels containing COVID related Cargo.**

Madam / Sir,

You are aware that the Government is deeply engaged in handling the crisis related to the second wave of COVID-19 in the country and taking all steps to counter the situation through appropriate and innovative measures.

2. In view of the excessive requirement of Oxygen and related equipment in the country, the Government has decided that all Major Ports, including the Kamarajar Port Limited, shall waive-off all charges levied by Major Port Trusts (including vessel related charges, storage charges etc.) and accord highest priority in the berthing sequence to the vessels carrying consignments of Medical Grade Oxygen, Oxygen Tanks, Oxygen Bottles, Portable Oxygen Generators, Oxygen Concentrators, Steel Pipes for manufacturing Oxygen Cylinders and associated equipment for the next THREE months, or until further orders.
3. In case the vessel is carrying other cargo/containers in addition to above said oxygen related cargo, waiver of aforementioned charges on pro-rata basis, considering the overall cargo or containers handled at port, should be provided for oxygen related cargo to such vessels.
4. Port Chairmen shall personally supervise logistic operations (including berthing of such vessel on top priority in the port, unloading of oxygen related cargo, coordination with Customs/other authorities for speedy clearance/documentation and expeditious evacuation of oxygen related cargo from port) to ensure unhindered movement of such consignments. The details of such vessels, cargo and time taken in the port from the time vessel entered in the port limits to exit of cargo from port gate shall be submitted to this Ministry whenever such vessels arrive in the port.
5. This direction is issued under Section 111 of The Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 and with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Yours faithfully,



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