UNDERTAKING BY THE CONSIGNEE IMPORTING AMMONIUM NITRATE IN THE CHENNAI PORT.

1. We hereby undertake that, the importing of Ammonium Nitrate is of Fertilizer Grade only, and has been duly notified to TNPCB, Chennai.

2. An undertaking shall be taken from the cargo owners that the said cargo is well within the stipulated conditions and standards as per Environment Protection Act, 1986. All relevant provisions of “Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical (MSIHC) Rules, 1989 framed under “Environment (Protection) Act, 1986” would be strictly followed. A copy of the undertaking from cargo owners is to be enclosed.

3. We shall take a valid Insurance Policy under Public Liability Act 1991 and copy of the same will be submitted before berthing and the same is herewith enclosed.

4. The said cargo has the property of giving off oxygen when involved in fire and mixtures of these substances are readily ignited with combustible materials. Therefore, all the places / areas on the wharf will be thoroughly cleaned and dried prior to receipt of this cargo.

4a. The truck/dumper for loading Ammonium Nitrate shall be placed in a three sided steel bin of adequate size while loading the Ammonium Nitrate to avoid spillage in the floor of the Port/berth area and the spillages would fall on the floor of the steel bin.
5. We will ensure that the wharf is fully cleaned by us for any spillages and that no cargo whatsoever is left on the wharf after completion of discharge of the vessel.

6. The vehicle’s speed within port area shall be not more than 20 kmph and the drivers will be instructed not to apply sudden brakes and also that all the vehicles and cargo moving equipment are in good condition to ensure they do not leak any mineral oils.

7. We shall ensure that 30 meters of distance on the berth will be cordoned and we ensure that unauthorized persons are not permitted to enter this area.

8. The drivers of the vehicles and cargo moving equipment carrying Ammonium Nitrate of Fertilizer Grade will be instructed to ensure no leakage of oil / fuel from the vehicles takes place. We will not deploy such vehicles.

9. We will give requisition of standby of fire watch from the time vessel is berthed till the vessel is unberthed along with our Vessel’s Agent Deposit Account Number for deduction of charges incurred.

10. We will inform the Port Fire Officer before berthing and commencement of discharge of the cargo.

11. The consignee / owner and vessel’s Agent hereby indemnify the Chennai Port Trust for any damage / injury to the Port’s property, Personnel, etc., even any liabilities arising out or damage to third party during the time of unloading the said cargo from the vessel (Copy Enclosed).
12. We will assist the Port to ensure that no unauthorized Personnel are allowed in the working area.

13. We will ensure that the Trucks / dumpers are loaded not beyond the brim to avoid spillages of the cargo. We will also ensure that the trucks are suitably covered through the entire journey till storage area outside the port.

14. We will ensure that all workers engaged in handling of this cargo shall wear personal protective equipments.

15. We will obtain all relevant permissions as are required by various statutes in force such as permission of the Chief Controller of Explosives, etc., and shall continue to abide by all the Regulations in force till the entire cargo is discharged from the vessel.

16. A certificate of purity/analysis report issued by the competent authority in the country of manufacture will be produced before such cargo on board a vessel is allowed inside the docks. (Copy enclosed)

17. Welding, Burning, Cutting or other operations involved in the use of fire, open flame, spark or arc producing equipment will not be carried or used. Special precautions will be taken both on board and on shore to ensure that there is “NO SMOKING” / “NAKED LIGHTS” in or near the hold.

18. The said cargo will be particularly separated from other combustible materials (particularly Liquids) or Organic substances such as Oils and Waxes, Reducing Agents, Acids, Alkalis, Sulphur, Chlorates, Chlorites, Chlorides, Hypo Chlorites, Chromates,
Nitrates, Permanganates, finely divided or powered metals and substances containing metals such as the chromium, copper, cobalt, Nickel, Zinc and their alloys and fibrous materials (Ex. Cotton, Jute, Sizal, Saw dust etc). The said cargo will be separated from all other goods.

19. Bunkering or pumping of fuel oil will not be allowed during the unloading operations of the said cargo.

20. Vessel will ensure that the ship’s fire fighting appliances on board the vessel are kept in readiness at all times to meet any emergency and fire fighting personnel should be present along with appropriate fire fighting appliances during the entire period of unloading the said cargo from the vessel.

21. The entire unloading operations should be done under the direct supervision of a person appointed by the consignor / consignee and he should provide a list of personnel being deployed shift wise for the work to the Traffic Supervisory staff before commencement of the cargo operation of the vessel. He shall take full responsibility for the presence and movement of any person within the operational area in order to prevent infiltration by unauthorized persons in to the area where Ammonium Nitrate is handled.

22. We are enclosing herewith Analysis Report of Ammonium Nitrate wherein clearly marked as Fertilizer Grade.

23. We will comply with the rules mentioned in the Column 3 & 4 of Scheduled 2 of Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals (MSIHC) Rules 1989 as amended.
24. We will comply with the Rule 15 and 18 of MSIHC Rules.

25. We will comply with the Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989 framed under the provisions of Motor Vehicle Act 1988.

26. Strict procedure shall be followed for maintaining cleanliness at the Jetty while importing of Ammonium Nitrate to prevent contamination with any reactive substance containing carbonaceous, hydro-carbonaceous material and any other incompatible material.

27. The code of practice prescribed by the United Nations Guidelines on Transportation of Hazardous Substances and Chemicals will be strictly followed.

28. The bagged cargo shall be directly taken delivery from the hook point itself and shall not be stored either in dock area or any other godown in Chennai Port premises.

29. The Agents of the ship expected to arrive at Chennai Port with Ammonium Nitrate on board, and the consignee of such cargo, shall give notice of such fact to the Deputy Conservator with a copy to Traffic Manager not less than 48 hours before the arrival of the vessel.

30. Every person in charge of or engaged in the import, export, transport or importing of Ammonium Nitrate shall at all times observe all due precautions for the prevention of theft and of accidents by fire or explosion.
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(Ports Wing)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 16th July, 2013

G.S.R. 2182(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 6 (4) (c) of the Ammonium Nitrate Rules 2012, the Central Government, in consideration of the necessity to import Ammonium Nitrate in public interest, hereby notifies the Major Ports of Kolkata, Visakhapatnam, V.O. Chidambaranar and Chennai for import of Ammonium Nitrate in India by sea,

[Ex. F. No. PT-11024/3/2009-PT]

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