Circular No. EPS/57/2020-21

To: Members of the Council

Sub : Waiver of Waterways Charges

Dear Member,

The Ministry of Shipping has decided to waive Waterways Usage Charges with immediate effect. The charges are waived initially for three years. The objective of the waiver is to promote inland waterways as a supplementary, eco-friendly and cheaper mode to transport and to reduce the burden on other transport modes. The waiver will also lead to “Ease of Doing Business”.

Presently, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) levies the waterways charges at the rate of Rs.0.02 per gross registered tonnage (GRT) per km for plying of Inland cargo vessels and Rs. 0.05 per gross registered tonnage (GRT) per km for plying of Cruise vessels on national waterways.

A copy of Press Release dated July 24, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Shipping is enclosed herewith (click here).

This is for your kind information.

Regards,

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