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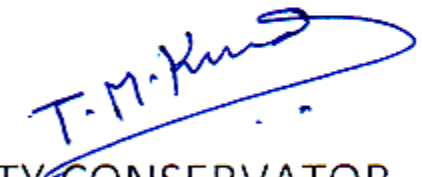
It has been observed that many IV vessels and cargo barges operating within Cochin Port waters are not equipped with an Automated Identification System (AIS). AIS is essential for tracking and monitoring vessel movements, thereby enhancing navigational safety.

Cochin Port's Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS) is responsible for continuously monitoring the entire Port Limit area and providing guidance to vessels navigating the channels and harbour. Proper vessel identification is crucial for ensuring safe and efficient navigation.

All IV vessel and cargo barge operators are advised to install AIS and ensure their vessels are monitored by Cochin Port VTMS. This will facilitate real-time position tracking and improve situational awareness for all vessels.

Additionally, all IV vessels must maintain a continuous VHF watch on channels 15 and 16. Prior permission from Port Control is mandatory for entry and exit in the navigational channel within the Cochin Port limits.

For strict compliance


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