Sub: Levy of fees by IWAI for transportation of Over Dimensional Cargo by the transporters/ logistics operators on NW-1, 2 & 3 and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol routes.

In pursuance of the powers delegated to Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) vide section 17 (1) of IWAI Act, 1985 and detailed discussions IWAI had with various stake holders on 28.10.2009 and 4.12.09 at New Delhi, it has been decided by the Competent Authority to provisionally levy a fee @ Rs.1.50 (Rupee one and paise fifty only) per tonne per km for transportation of Over Dimensional Cargo (ODC) on National Waterway nos. 1, 2 and 3 i.e. (i) Haldia-Allahabad stretch on Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system, (ii) Sadiya-Dhubri stretch of river Brahmaputra and (iii) West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam along with Udyogamandal and Champakara canals respectively and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol routes.

2. This fee will be payable by the ODC transporters in advance to the Field Director of IWAI from where the transportation on these waterways will commence.

3. The fee will be payable for all movements of ODC on these National Waterways and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol routes which commence from 1st Jan. 2010.

4. IWAI will sign a MoU with ODC operators for each movement before the commencement of the movement.

5. Detailed Guidelines in this regard are enclosed.

6. This issues with the approval of Chairman, IWAI

7. The Guidelines would come into force with immediate effect.

Encl: As above

To,
1. Director, IWAI, Guwahati
2. Director, IWAI, Patna
3. Director, IWAI, Kolkata
4. Director, IWAI, Kochi
5. Secretary, IWAI, Noida
6. Chief Engineer, IWAI, Noida
7. Hydrographic Chief, IWAI, Noida
8. Director (P&C), IWAI, Noida
9. Chief Accounts Officer, IWAI, Noida
10. PS to Chairman, IWAI, Noida
11. PA to Vice Chairman, IWAI, Noida
12. PA to Member (Finance), IWAI, Noida
13. PA to Member (Cargo), IWAI, Noida

With a request to circulate the order and the guidelines to all stake holders for their information.

(Ravi Kant)
Dy. Director
Guidelines

Movement of Over Dimensional Cargo in National Waterways & Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route

1. Introduction

1.1 Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), set up in 1986 by an Act of Parliament, has been entrusted the task of development and regulation of the National Waterways. The Authority undertakes infrastructure development, maintenance and regulation works on National Waterways. Presently, the five National Waterways in India are as under:

1. National Waterway No. 1 (NW-1) : Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system from Allahabad to Haldia (1620 kms) in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal

2. National Waterway No. 2 (NW-2) : Brahmaputra river from Sadiya to Dhubri (891 kms) in the state of Assam

3. National Waterway No. 3 (NW-3) : West Coast canal from Kollam to Kottapuram along with Champakara and Udyogmandal canals (205 kms) in the State of Kerala

4. National Waterway No. 4 (NW-4) : Kakinada Puducherry canals consisting of Kakinada canal, Eluru canal, Commanur canal, Buckingham canal and Kaluvelly tank along with Bhadrachalam Rajamundry stretch of River Godavari and Wazirabad Vijaywada stretch of River Krishna (1095 km) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry

5. National Waterway No. 5 (NW-5) : Talcher Dhamra stretch of Brahmani Kharsua-Dhamra river system along with Geonkhali Charbatia stretch of East Coast Canal, Charbatia Dhamra stretch of Matai river and Mahanadi delta river system between Mangalgadi and Paradip (623 km) in the States of Orissa and West Bengal

1.2 An Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol exists between India and Bangladesh. North Eastern region of India through National Waterway No.2 is connected with Kolkata and Haldia ports through specified routes of Bangladesh and Sunderbans waterways. For India, IWAI is the Competent Authority relating to IWT operations under Protocol while Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) is the Competent Authority for Bangladesh.

1.3 At present, National Waterway 1, 2 & 3 and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route are fully equipped to facilitate movement of any type of cargo and the instant Guidelines are applicable to movement of Over Dimensional Cargo (ODC) on NW 1, 2 & 3 and Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route.