

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 19 of 2016

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Dangerous Substances in Harbour Area Regulations 1987 (SI 1987 No 37), Related to The Port of Southampton, Portsmouth International Port and The Dockyard Port of Portsmouth

1 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Masters of all vessels carrying Dangerous Substances when entering, leaving or lying in the Port of Southampton or Portsmouth International Port, will be required to comply with these Regulations. Failure to do so may lead to the prohibition or removal of the dangerous substance, its container and the vehicle or vessel from the Port in accordance with Clause 7 of the Regulations.

2 **APPLICATION**

These Regulations apply in every harbour and harbour area and to any part of a harbour in the territorial waters of Great Britain. Dangerous Substances are those defined in Clause 3 of the Regulations.

Note: The expression Harbour Area when used in the following texts shall mean:

- a Alongside in Southampton, Fawley Marine Terminal and BP Hamble Jetty: Harbour Master, Southampton (Call sign 'Southampton VTS').
- b Underway in the approaches to Southampton or in the East or West Solent: Harbour Master Southampton (Call sign 'Southampton VTS').
- c Underway in the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth north of Outer Spit Buoy: Queen's Harbour Master (call sign 'QHM').
- d Alongside in Portsmouth International Port: Harbour Master Portsmouth International Port. (Call sign 'Portsmouth Harbour Radio').

3 **MARKING AND NAVIGATION OF VESSELS**

a Flags and Lights to be displayed by vessels.

Vessels carrying Dangerous Substances to which these Regulations apply are required to show a red flag during the day and, when moored or anchored, an all round red light at night. The use of the red light at night when a vessel is underway or moving within The Solent will not be permitted.

b Vessels to keep a safe distance from moored or anchored vessels displaying the flags or light required by paragraph 3.a.

A Master shall not bring his vessel alongside a moored or anchored vessel which is displaying any flag or light required by paragraph 3.a without the permission of the Harbour Authority and the Master of that vessel, and shall otherwise keep his vessel at a safe distance from that vessel at all times.

c Use of VHF

The Master of a vessel, to which these Regulations apply, shall ensure that at all times in the Port of Southampton or in the approach to the port in the East and West Solent, a listening watch is kept on VHF Ch 12 or 14 with 'Southampton VTS' or when North of Outer Spit Buoy on VHF Ch 11 or 13 with 'QHM'.

Except:

- i when a vessel is at a berth; or
- ii for short periods when the radio is tuned to another frequency for operational purposes.

d Anchoring and mooring of vessels

The Master of a vessel, which is carrying a Dangerous Substance or on to which any Dangerous Substance is to be loaded, shall anchor or moor his vessel only at such places and at such times as the Harbour Authority directs, and shall ensure that any conditions imposed by the Harbour Authority with regard to anchoring or mooring are complied with. The Master shall not permit his ship to be moved from anchorage or berth until he is so authorised by the Harbour Authority.

e Mobility of vessels

The Master of a vessel carrying dangerous substances, must ensure that his vessel is in a state of readiness to be moved at all times, tidal conditions permitting, and shall not immobilise his vessel without first seeking an exemption certificate in writing from the Harbour Authority. Any such exemption may be granted subject to conditions and to a limit of time and may be revoked at any time by a certificate in writing. Vessels carrying Class 1 Dangerous Substances (Explosives) will not be given an exemption.

4 FITNESS OF VESSELS

The Master of a vessel which is designed to carry either Dangerous Chemicals in bulk or Liquefied Gases in bulk shall not carry, load or unload any dangerous liquid or dangerous substance in bulk, in either Portsmouth or Southampton, unless the vessel has a valid certificate of fitness for the carriage of the substance in bulk issued under the authority of the Government of the country of registration of the vessel and he complies with any conditions of carriage laid down in that certificate.

5 PERMISSION FOR TRANSFER BETWEEN VESSELS

The Master of a vessel carrying a liquid Dangerous Substance in bulk shall not cause or permit that substance to be transferred by pipeline to another vessel unless the Harbour Authority, and where the vessel is at berth, the Berth Operator, have given their permission in writing for that to take place.

6 OPERATIONS FORBIDDEN ON VESSELS WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION

- a The Master of any vessel carrying or which has recently carried, a liquid Dangerous Substance in bulk shall ensure that none of the following operations are commenced:
 - i the discharge of ballast or slops contaminated with any Dangerous Substance;
 - ii the cleaning or ventilation of any tank which was last used to carry a Dangerous Substance;
 - iii the pumping overside of bilges contaminated with any Dangerous Substance.
- b The Master of any vessel carrying, or which has recently carried, flammable liquid in bulk shall ensure that none of the following operations are commenced:
 - i the gas freeing of any tank which was last used to carry the substance;
 - ii the cleaning of such a tank with water, steam, detergents or other chemicals;
 - iii the purging of such a tank with inert gas;
 - iv the washing of a tank with crude oil while unloading.

unless the following conditions have been complied with:

- i Where the vessel is at berth; the Berth Operator has given permission, or the Harbour Authority has given permission,
- ii Where the vessel is not at a berth; the Harbour Authority has given permission.

7 UNTOWARD INCIDENTS

The Master of a vessel carrying any dangerous substance shall immediately inform the Harbour Authority and if the vessel is at a berth, the Berth Operator, of any untoward incident which has occurred on the vessel. ("Untoward incident" means an incident involving or threatening the containment of a Dangerous Substance).

8 VESSELS LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVES TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE HARBOUR AREA

When the loading of a vessel with explosives has been completed, the Master shall ensure that the vessel is taken out of the Harbour or Harbour Area as soon as reasonably practicable unless the Harbour Authority and, where the vessel is at a berth, the Berth Operator, otherwise agree.

9 NOTICE OF ENTRY OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES ARRIVING BY SEA FOR DISCHARGE OR IN TRANSIT

The following information is required by the Harbour Master, in writing, in respect of the advance notice of entry of all Dangerous Substances **arriving by sea into the Port of Southampton**, for discharge or in transit.

The advance notice must contain the following information from masters of vessels or their agents and must be received at least 24 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel at the Nab/Needles area.

a Vessel details

Name and call sign of vessel

Nationality of vessel

Overall length, draught and beam of vessel

Intended destination within the Harbour Area

ETA NAB or EAST LEPE

Last Port of Call

b Dangerous Substances being carried (Specify for discharge or in transit)

Correct technical name of Dangerous Substances

UN number

Quantity of each substance

Classification

Details of the number and type of packages to be individually handled (where appropriate)

c In the case of Explosives (Specify for discharge or in transit)

UN number

Class

Division

Compatibility group

Net explosive content

It should be noted that tankers having carried one or more cargoes and which have not been rendered gas free, purged or had their cargo spaces completely inerted, will also be required to provide the advance notification.

The advance report should be sent:

a In the case of Southampton, to the Harbour Master Southampton and received by one of the following means:

i By Email to SouthamptonHarbourMastersOffice@abports.co.uk,
vtssouthampton@abports.co.uk, jsweeney@abports.co.uk ,
vsmith@abports.co.uk and iofficer@abports.co.uk

ii or by hand to the Harbour Master, Vessel Traffic Services Centre, Berth 37, Eastern Docks, Southampton.

For vessels whose passage time is less than 24 hours inbound to the Port of Southampton, the notification should be sent by fax or email from the last port of call to ensure that details are received prior to the vessel's arrival at the Nab/Needles area.

b In the case of Portsmouth International Port, to the Harbour Master Portsmouth International Port, marked DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES NOTICE and received in writing by one of the following means:

i by hand to the Harbour Master, Harbour Offices, Portsmouth International Port

ii Facsimile 02392 824662

Where the voyage is less than 24 hours duration, a shorter period of notice may be accepted, but notice must ALWAYS be given BEFORE the ship passes the Nab or Cowes inbound for Portsmouth in the form prescribed, except in the case of Dangerous Substances for Albert Johnson Quay, Flathouse Quay and private wharves, and Dangerous Substances of Class 1 and Class 7 for Portsmouth International Port, for which the minimum period of notice is 24 hours in ALL cases. Only those Class 1 materials which are of Division 1.4 Compatibility Group S, or any other explosives (except Compatibility Group L) of total quantity not exceeding 10 kilograms, will be considered for entry to Portsmouth International Port.

- c In the case of the Queen's Harbour Master, and in addition to the information that has already been passed to the Harbour Master Southampton or the Harbour Master Portsmouth International Port, the following information is to be passed by VHF Ch 11 in the form shown in paragraph 10, but is only required on sailing from either Southampton or Portsmouth or on passing Nab Tower inbound.

10 **DETAILS REQUIRED BY THE QUEEN'S HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH**

- a Details required by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth on ship's departure from Portsmouth or Southampton or on arrival Nab Tower.
 - 1 Ship name and IRCS
 - 2 Flag
 - 3 Overall length, draught and beam
 - 4 Either
 - a Destination within the Solent. or
 - b Time of passing Nab Tower
 - 5 Reference of the email, letter or facsimile sent to Harbour Master Southampton or Harbour Master Portsmouth International Port, containing the information required by paragraph 9. If this information has not been forwarded a full report in accordance with paragraph 10 is required.

- 11 The Notice is issued jointly by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth, the Harbour Master Southampton and the Harbour Master Portsmouth International Port.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Berth 37, Eastern Docks
Southampton**

**Captain M Phipps
Harbour Master**

01 January 2016

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.