

FORTH PORTS PLC

No. 8 of 2002

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NOTICE TO MARINERS **FIRTH OF FORTH**

THE DIVING AT WORK REGULATIONS (1997)

1. Diving Contractors and the clients of commercial divers are reminded that under Regulation 4 of the Diving at Work Regulations (1997), Harbour Authorities have a general responsibility to take reasonable measures to ensure that commercial diving operations within the harbour area are undertaken safely and in accordance with the regulations.
2. These Regulations do not apply to:
 - Operations in which members of the Armed Forces of any country are engaged in training for warfare.
 - Work carried out in compressed air environments.
 - Diving by persons who are not "at work", ie. persons who are not employees or self-employed.
3. In order to comply with the Diving Regulations, all commercial diving operations in ports, harbours and estuarial waters within the limits of Forth Ports' jurisdiction must have the appropriate "Permit to Dive" completed by the relevant Harbour Master or Forth Navigation Service prior to commencing the dive. An example of an appropriate "Permit to Dive" is attached for guidance.
4. Harbour Authorities are required to report instances of non-compliance of the Regulations initially to the client of the Diving Contractor and, ultimately, the Health & Safety Executive.
5. Status of Previously Published Notices:
 - Nos. 6 and 7 of 1998 remain in force
 - No. 13 of 1999 remains in force
 - No. 1 of 2000 remains in force
 - Nos. 10 and 11 of 2001 remain in force
 - Nos. 2,3,4,5,6 and 7 of 2002 remain in force

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