

FORTH PORTS PLC
Via e-mail

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NOTICE TO MARINERS
FIRTH OF FORTH

VESSELS AT ANCHOR – USE OF SHIP'S BOATS

Reference:

- 1 International Ship and Port Facility (ISPS) Code
- 2 MGN 263

Use of Ship's Boats

1. There have been a number of requests from vessels at anchor within the Authority's jurisdiction to use their own boats to effect crew changes and other activities. Permission will only be given under certain conditions for both security and safety reasons.
2. Masters of vessels at anchor may contact FTNS through their agents to seek permission in the first instance. At least 24 hours notice is required. There may be restrictions on access during the hours of darkness or due to weather. There may be a requirement for a landing party to be in attendance or a risk assessment and method statement to be completed.
3. High protection category vessels (Petro – Chemical, Container and Passenger) are not permitted to use their boats to board or land personnel at any location other than a designated Restricted Area. Some Restricted Areas are situated at ports requiring transit through locks and at facilities not operated by Forth Ports.
4. Vessels, which are not in a high protection category, may only use their boats to board or land personnel at an ISPS Code approved location.
5. Personnel will be required to be met and accompanied through Forth Ports premises by an agent's representative. Photographic identification will be required in all cases. Any baggage will be subject to searching.
6. Forth Ports reserve the right to levy appropriate charges.
7. These rules do not apply in the case of an emergency.

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Status of previously published notices:

No 7 of 1998 remains in force
No 13 of 1999 remains in force
No 1 of 2000 remains in force
No 10 of 2001 remains in force
Nos 3, 5, 8 of 2002 remains in force
No 12 of 2003 remains in force
Nos 4, 6, 13, 14, 18 of 2004

(Signed R Baker)

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