

# FORTH PORTS LIMITED

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## PERMANENT NOTICE TO MARINERS FIRTH OF FORTH

### THE DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES IN HARBOUR AREAS REGULATIONS 1987

The above Regulations require Masters or Agents of vessels carrying dangerous substances to give notice of entry of dangerous substances into the Forth area to Forth & Tay Navigation Service (FTNS). The principal additional requirements of the Regulations are summarised below; mariners are advised to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the full requirements of the Regulations.

#### 1. NOTICE OF ENTRY OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

A dangerous substance shall not be brought into the Forth unless notice has been given to FTNS not less than 24 hours before the substance is brought in, unless this is impracticable in which case the notice must be given before the vessel arrives in the Forth. A dispensation in writing may be issued in an emergency situation. Vessels are required to report and entry may be prohibited if the condition of dangerous goods, or their packaging, (or the vessel carrying them) is such as to create a risk to health and safety.

#### 2. FLAGS AND LIGHTS TO BE DISPLAYED BY VESSELS

Vessels carrying dangerous substances to which these Regulations apply are required to display a red flag during the daytime 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 Forth is not permitted.**

#### 3. VESSELS TO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSELS DISPLAYING THE FLAG OR LIGHT REQUIRED IN PARAGRAPH 2

A Master shall not bring his vessel alongside a moored or anchored vessel that is displaying any flag or light required in paragraph 2 without permission, and shall otherwise keep his vessel at a safe distance from that vessel.

#### 4. MARKING OF BARGES

Persons in charge of barges should ensure the display of hazard warning panels as appropriate and as specified in Schedule 5 of the Regulations.

## **5. PROVISION AND USE OF RADIOS**

The Master of a vessel to which this regulation applies shall ensure that at all times it is in the FTNS area it is provided with a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting. The Master of a vessel to which this regulation applies shall ensure that a listening watch is kept on the operational frequency of the harbour authority as defined in the Mariners` Guide at all times except :-

- (a) when the vessel is at a berth  
or
- (b) for short periods when the radio is tuned to another frequency for navigational or operational purposes.

## **6. ANCHORING AND MOORING OF VESSELS**

The Master of a vessel which is carrying a dangerous substance, or on board 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 Master may from time to time direct and shall ensure that any conditions the Harbour Master may impose with regard to anchoring or mooring are complied with. Permission may also have to be obtained from the owner of a private berth.

## **7. MOBILITY OF VESSELS**

The Master of a vessel carrying a dangerous substance shall ensure that the vessel is in a state of readiness to be moved at any time tidal conditions permitting. The Harbour Master may, if he is satisfied that the health or safety of any person will not be prejudiced, exempt in writing a Master from ensuring that the vessel carrying dangerous substance is in a state of readiness to be moved at any time tidal conditions permitting. Any such exemption may be granted subject to conditions and to a limit of time and may be revoked at any time.

## **8. FITNESS OF VESSELS**

Masters of vessels should ensure that the vessel has a valid certificate of fitness appropriate to the carriage of dangerous substances therein.

## **9. UNTOWARD INCIDENTS**

(a) In these regulations, "untoward incident" means an incident involving or threatening the containment of a dangerous substance that might, irrespective of where such incident occurs; create in the harbour area a risk of serious personal injury or a risk to the safety of a vessel.

(b) The Master of a vessel carrying a dangerous substance shall immediately inform FTNS of any untoward incident which occurs or has occurred on the vessel.

This Notice does not affect the requirement to report under the Merchant Shipping (Reporting Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods) Regulations 1995) and amendments.

**10. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION FOR THE ENTRY OF DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES  
ENTERING THE HARBOUR AREA FROM AN INLAND SOURCE**

The advance notification required under the regulations for the entry of dangerous substances into the Harbour Area from an inland source should be given to Forth Ports Cargo Operations at the appropriate port of destination.

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