

DUBLIN PORT COMPANY

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

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## PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING THE SERVICES OF A PILOT

Dublin Pilots operate from the Port Operations Centre, Eastern Breakwater. The order for the services of a pilot should be made as early as possible to facilitate planning. During office hours this may be done by contacting the Harbour Office by telephone at Nos. 8876033 / 8876028 or by e-mail: [shippingdesk@dublinport.ie](mailto:shippingdesk@dublinport.ie). Outside of office hours contact VTS by telephone at 8876070, by e-mail: [vts@dublinport.ie](mailto:vts@dublinport.ie) or by radio-telephone (VHF Channel 12, Call Sign: VTS Dublin).

An E.T.A. should be given at least 12 hours before arrival and any amendments may be made up 2 hours before the time of the original E.T.A. or amended E.T.A., whichever the sooner. The E.T.A. and subsequent amendments should be confirmed and passed by radio-telephone (V.H.F. Channel 12, Call Sign: VTS Dublin).

The 12 hour message should contain the following information:-

- a) Name of vessel, Call Sign and Nationality
- b) Date and Time of arrival / departure
- c) Last port of call
- d) Cargo (use IMDG Code)
- e) Draught
- f) Any Defects
- g) Any additional “own company” or ship specific requirements as may be required.

The pilot cutter proceeds to the bay only when required to service arriving and departing vessels and therefore an accurate Estimated Time of Arrival (E.T.A.) is required to avoid delay. It must be stressed that such orders must be made in sufficient time, making due allowance, particularly at night, regarding the accessibility of the vessel.

### VESSELS OUTWARDS BOUND OR SHIFTING

A minimum of two hours notice is required for ships sailing/shifting and requiring a pilot. However, should a pilot be required at shorter notice and one is available, such a service can be provided.

## GENERAL

A Dublin Pilot must if required produce his warrant to any person by whom he is employed or to whom he offers his services as Pilot.

The above services are offered and will be rendered on condition that neither the Dublin Port Company nor their servants or agents or pilots warranted by the Dublin Port Company shall be liable to any person for loss or damage of any kind howsoever caused or arising as a result of negligence or otherwise or as a result of non-availability of the services.

All Notice to Mariners can be located on the Dublin Port Company Website by clicking on the following link. <http://www.dublinport.ie/information-centre/notice-to-mariners/>

Captain David T. Dignam  
Harbour Master.

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