



LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO 09 OF 2006

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS OR POLLUTING GOODS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1999

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that these regulations implement minimum requirements for vessels bound for or leaving European Community ports and carrying dangerous or polluting goods.

The Regulations aim to ensure that in the event of an incident, the relevant 'Competent Authority' has ready access to information about the cargo on board the ship involved. In the United Kingdom the Competent Authority is the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA).

Definitions

'Dangerous goods' are goods classified as such in the IMDG Code, Chapter 19 of the IGC and Chapter 17 of the IBC.

'Polluting goods' are defined as:

- Oil as defined in MARPOL Annex 1 (excluding the bunkers and ship's stores)
- Noxious liquid substances
- Harmful substances in packaged form

Application

Masters of vessels carrying dangerous or polluting goods and bound for the Port of Cowes are required to inform the shipping agent or Cowes Harbour office in accordance with Schedule II of the regulations before entering the Southampton (Cowes) Pilotage area.

Two copies of Schedule II should be prepared; one copy to be handed to the pilot on boarding and one copy to be sent in advance by facsimile 01983 299357 to the Harbour Master, Cowes.

Where no facsimile facilities exist on board the Master shall inform Cowes Harbour radio on VHF Channel 69 during office hours or Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Southampton on VHF Channel 12 that Schedule II has been completed and of any deficiencies that exist.

A Merchant Shipping Notice explains how the operator (defined in the regulations as the owner, charterers, manager or agent) and the ships Master should comply with the regulations. An example of Schedule II can be found in this MSN.

Duties of the Pilot

Any pilot engaged in berthing, unberthing or manoeuvring a ship who concludes:

- Through his own observations
- By reference to the completed Schedule II check list received from the Master of the ship
- By the absence of the check list

That it has deficiencies that may prejudice its safe navigation must inform the Cowes Harbour Authority immediately and Southampton VTS, when appropriate. The Harbour Authority must forward this information to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

These procedures do not relieve Masters or Operators of their obligations under the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Regulations 1987.

Captain S McIntosh
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