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NOTICE TO MARINERS No.8 - 2008

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

A. General Arrival Notification (Irrespective of whether a vessel is carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods)

1. To whom do the regulations apply?

All vessels of over 300 GT with the exception of:

- a. Warships, naval auxiliaries and other ships owned or operated by the Government of an EEA State which are used for non commercial public service;
- b. Fishing vessels (see note 1)
- c. Traditional ships (see note 1)
- d. Recreational craft having a length of less than 45 metres.

Note 1: Due to an error in transposition of the EU VTM Directive into UK law, all vessels in these two categories are currently exempted but, once corrected, such vessels will only be exempt if they have a length of less than 45 metres.

2. When is the report required?

Reports are required for all vessels bound for a berth within the Ports of Liverpool, Manchester and Garston as follows:

- a. 24 hours in advance of a vessel's arrival at a berth or anchorage, or;
- b. On leaving the last port if voyage less than 24 hours, or;
- c. Again, if the ETA changes by more than 6 hours.
- d. Notification if the call is cancelled.

3. What has to be reported?

The owner, operator, agent or master is required to notify Liverpool VTS and the MDHC Berthing Manager prior to entry:

- i. Ship identification: (name, IMO identification number, MMSI number and call sign) (see note 3)
- ii. ETA at berth or pilot station;
- iii. ETD from Berth within the Ports of Liverpool, Manchester and Garston; and
- iv. The total number of persons on board the ship.

Note 3: All four identity fields should be completed if known. CERS requires name plus one out of the three remaining fields as a minimum.

B. Additional Departure and/or Arrival Notification for Vessels Carrying Dangerous or Polluting Goods

1. To whom do the regulations apply?

All vessels carrying dangerous or polluting goods (other than bunkers) irrespective of size with the exception of:

- a. Warships, naval auxiliaries and other ships owned or operated by the Government of an EEA State which are used for non commercial public service;
- b. Ships on regular scheduled services exempted by the MCA on behalf of the Secretary of State;

2. When is the report required?

Reports are required for vessels carrying dangerous or polluting goods as follows:

- a. For all departures from the Mersey: on, or prior to, departure.
- b. For arrivals of vessels from ports outside the EEA to the Mersey as the first EEA port of call: Immediately on departure from the previous port of call, or as soon as a Berth within the Ports of Liverpool, Manchester and Garston is identified as destination, if later (could be weeks ahead).
- c. Again, if the ETA/D changes by more than 6 hours or if there are changes to any of the other details reported.
- d. Notification (without cargo details) if the call is cancelled.

3. What has to be reported

The owner, operator, agent or master is required to notify the MDHC:

- a. Departures (for all vessels carrying dangerous or polluting goods):
 - i. Ship Identification: (name, IMO identification number, MMSI number and call sign) (see note 4)
 - ii. ETD;
 - iii. Name of next port of call (indicate if no orders for destination);
 - iv. ETA at next port of call (unless no orders for destination);
 - v. The total number of persons onboard.
- b. Arrivals (only for vessels carrying dangerous and polluting goods coming from outside EEA):
 - i. Ship Identification: (name, IMO identification number, MMSI number and call sign) (see note 4)
 - ii. ETA at berth or pilot station;
 - iii. ETD from Berth within the Ports of Liverpool, Manchester and Garston. (optional but must be provided when vessel is within 24 hours of the Mersey under the general reporting notification requirements)
 - iv. The total number of persons onboard.

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- c. the address from which detailed information on the cargo may be obtained (last name (optional), first name (optional), location in UNLOCODE (mandatory), phone number (mandatory), fax number (mandatory), e-mail (optional) **or**;
- d. the correct technical names of the dangerous or polluting goods, the United Nations (UN) numbers where they exist, the IMO hazard classes in accordance with the IMDG, IBC and IGC Codes and, where appropriate, the class of the ship as defined by the INF Code, the quantities of such goods and their location on board and, if they are being carried in cargo transport units other than tanks, the identification number thereof, **and**;
- e. confirmation that a list or manifest or appropriate loading plan giving details of the dangerous or polluting goods carried and of their location on the ship is on board.

Note 4: All four identity fields should be completed if known. CERS requires name plus one out of the three remaining fields as a minimum.

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