

NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No.2 of 2021

VESSEL IMMOBILISATION REQUESTS

Agents, berths and ship operators are required to ensure that vessel immobilisation requests are made as follows:

AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO REQUIRING TO IMMOBILISE WITHIN PORT LIMITS

By email to harbourmaster@pla.co.uk Stating Vessel, Name, berth or anchorage, reason and anticipated date(s) and times from the master of the vessel.

EXCEPTIONALLY- UNPLANNED IMMOBILISATION REQUESTS

By email to harbourmaster@pla.co.uk giving the above details and verbal request to London VTS on the appropriate VHF channel. London VTS will advise the on call Harbour Master of the request if the email request is being made outside office hours.

AGREEMENT TO IMMOBILISE

Response by email reply from the harbour master will also note that "It remains for the Master to decide it is safe to immobilise, taking account the berth or anchorage, and all parameters of wind and tide both existing and forecast for the period of immobilisation." The response will be copied to London VTS.

CONFIRMATION OF IMMOBILISATION

30 minutes prior to immobilisation in either of the above circumstances, and on completion of immobilisation, London VTS is to be notified on the appropriate VHF channel so that an overview of the situation in port limits is maintained.



ADDITIONALLY

Masters are also to comply with individual berth operators' requirements in respect of vessel immobilisations.

10 February 2021

Port of London Authority
London River House, Royal Pier Road,
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2BG

Terry Lawrence
Harbour Master – Thames
Tideway Tunnel

 <p>CERTIFIED LR ISO 9001 - ISO 14001 OHSAS 18001</p>	<p>Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.</p> <p>TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTICES TO MARINERS BY E-MAIL, PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE www.pla.co.uk Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich</p>	 <p>PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY</p>
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