

## **NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No. 4 of 2017**

### **ON DUTY TIME FOR TUGS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

Agents, berth and ship operators are required to ensure they book any required tugs to be on station ready to make fast a minimum of 15 minutes before the ship's booked departure time. This ensures there is plenty of time for the plan to be agreed with tug and pilot as well as give time to make fast prior to the vessel letting go at the scheduled departure time.

This follows a number of situations where a vessel has been delayed due to the tug not arriving until the actual departure time following instruction from the vessel's agents, berth or operator.

Any changes to the vessel's departure time should be relayed to the tug operating company accordingly.

**21 June 2017**

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

**BOB BAKER**  
**CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER**



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.  
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