

NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No.7 of 2021

PROVISION OF LATERAL WINDAGE AREA INFORMATION

This notice supersedes Portwide NtM 22 of 2017 which is now cancelled.

New Requirements

From 1st June 2021, the following vessels will be required to supply lateral windage area information to the PLA:

- Cruise ships over 180m
- ConRO (Container RO-RO hybrid) vessels over 195m
- Car carriers over 195m

This information will assist PLA Pilots in adequately assessing the towage requirements in advance of boarding and dynamically risk assess the intended manoeuvre where high winds may be forecast.

Windage data for the above types of vessel should be emailed to shipcon@pla.co.uk, 48 hours prior to the vessel's first arrival at port limits after 1st June 2021. The PLA's Shipping Coordinators will populate the vessel's POLARIS record, and the data for these types of vessel will then be held on file for all subsequent visits. New data should be submitted to the PLA after a vessel undergoes any structural modifications, as soon as is practicable.

Agents for vessels which regularly call on Thames, or pre-programmed cruise ships, may find it convenient to supply bulk windage data for their vessels or class of vessels in advance. Data may be submitted at any time prior to 48 hours before arrival.

Container Ships

Separate requirements remain in force for container ships over 250m. Masters and Agents for these vessels are reminded of the requirement to supply calculated lateral windage area information as part of the pre-arrival and departure notification for *each and every call* at the Port of London - PLA General Direction 5.3 of 2021 refers.

The calculated figure is provided on the stability report that is produced for the current loaded condition. On arrival into the port the lateral windage area can be taken from the previous port's departure loaded conditions and submitted by the agent through PISCES. Prior to departing the berth, the lateral windage area should be relayed to the pilot, via London VTS as soon as loading is completed. A pre-calculated lateral windage area can be provided in advance assuming there is no significant change to the loading plan.

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Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich