

NOTICE TO AGENTS, BERTH AND SHIP OPERATORS No.8 of 2010

ADDITIONAL SHIP ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS - UPDATE

NABSO 4 of 2010 gave notice of the MCA's stated intention that the option of reporting "Contact Details" of the person who can provide details of quantities, types and stowage of any Dangerous and Polluting Goods (DPG) would be withdrawn from 31 Dec 2010 and that, thereafter, there would be a requirement to report the DPG manifest details or to report a "URL" where this data may be accessed. This intention was discussed further at the Agents Briefing held at Marine House Denton on 21 Jun 10 and attended by Mr Enright, the lead officer within the MCA, at which it became clear that the alternative reporting options had still to be clarified.

Following a meeting called by the MCA on 28 May 2010, it is now apparent that the exact requirements have still to be formally confirmed and the MCA have deferred implementation of this change to a date yet to be determined. **The current reporting regime will, therefore, remain in place until further notice and "Contact Details" should continue to be reported.** Agents, Berth Operators and Ship Operators should, however, be mindful that when contact details are reported, this contact should be available to respond immediately with the details of any DPG carried, the identity of the goods and where they are stowed.

We will try and keep you informed of any developments, however, it is already evident that the reporting options have been further limited from those originally expected and outlined in NABSO 4 of 2010. Most significantly, the MCA have indicated that reporting by Option 1 (automatic upload to the MCA's CERS system in XML format) will also not be accepted. It is considered that Option 2 (manual upload by operators direct into the MCA's CERS system) is also not a practical option for those operating out of London due to the difficulty in subsequently linking such data with movement details that are automatically reported by the PLA's management information system; this option is aimed at small ports with a limited number of movements. Thus, the remaining options are likely to be for operators/agents to hold DPG data locally and to report the "URL" where it may be accessed by the MCA or the PLA when required, or for the DPG manifest to be reported to the PLA. In the latter case, the PLA are in discussions with the MCA regarding the merits of retaining such data on a PLA server or simply forwarding DPG reports for the MCA to store. A further NABSO with details of reporting options and the required date for implementation will be issued once formal notification from the MCA has been received.

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