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PORT INFORMATION NOTICE

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General Directions for Navigation-Towage

Masters, Owners and Operators are hereby reminded that it is a requirement, in accordance with General Direction 19(ii), that the Master of every vessel must ensure that on all occasions adequate towage resources are available for the safe control of his vessel in the prevailing circumstances and conditions with regard to the handling characteristics of the vessel, windage allowance, under keel clearance and any other specific requirements. In the case of piloted vessels the decision as to the number and disposition of tugs will be arrived at by agreement between the Master and Pilot.

Ultimately, if the Pilot is unable to come to an agreement with the Master as to the appropriate level of towage resources required to manoeuvre the vessel safely, then the pilot will advise VTS of the failure to agree. Harwich VTS will then withhold permission for that vessel to proceed until agreement on the appropriate level of towage assistance has been reached.

The decision as to the appropriate level of towage resources must be arrived at on purely safety of navigation criteria, and must not under any circumstances be influenced by financial pressures.

13th August 2010

Captain C W Brand
Harbour Master

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