

**DIRECTOR OF MARITIME OFFICE IN GDYTANIA STANDING ORDER NO 12
of 14 June 2005**

Chapter III - Pilotage

§ 34. The regulations of this chapter shall apply to navigational and port pilotage.

§ 35.1. A ship may only use services of a pilot holding professional qualifications specified by other provisions .

2. The organisation of pilotage service, professional qualifications of pilots, mutual responsibilities of pilots and masters of piloted ships and pilotage fees and methods of payment, are shall be governed by other provisions.

§ 36.1 Ships of length of 50 m and more, unless otherwise defined by additional regulations of Part II of this Order, shall be obliged to use pilotage service.

2. The following ships are obliged to take pilot regardless the ship's length:

1) ships carrying dangerous cargo, as specified in paragraph 17 and which are not gas free after carrying such cargo;

2) ships overloaded; out of trim or having dangerous list;

3) ships with damages that may cause pollution to environment;

4) passenger ships

3. Harbour master may exempt, for a definite period of time, sea-going ferries carrying dangerous cargo, as specified in these regulations, from the obligation of using pilotage service regardless the ferry's length.

4. Harbour master may exempt for a definite period of time ship's master from the obligation of using pilotage service in the area of the whole port of its part provided that the defined requirements are met. The rules and requirements for exemption from the obligation of using pilotage service shall be defined by other provisions.

§ 37.1 A ship exempted from the obligation of using pilotage service while approaching the road (anchorage) shall report this to harbour master's office on radio..

2. Harbour master may order any ship to use pilotage service if necessary for safety reasons.

§ 38. A ship shall request pilot on radio, by VHF and regardless of that, may show signals in accordance with International Code of Signals.

§ 39.1. The carriage of pilots shall be performed only onboard specially designed ships (pilot vessels) or ships adopted for this purpose.

2. In case of icing of the port area and the road, harbour master may permit to use a tug boat for carrying the pilot.

3. Embarkation and disembarkation of pilot shall comply with the requirements of SOLAS

1974 Convention.

4. During embarkation and disembarkation of ship the pilot shall wear life jacket.

§ 40.1. Pilot shall be obliged to refuse the pilotage if he considers that this would violate port regulations or that the ship is not seaworthy.

2. The pilot shall immediately notify harbour master's office of each such refusal and shall follow received instructions.

3. Prior to each embarking, the pilot is obliged to check actual draught of the ship and report this immediately to harbour master's office.

§ 41. A ship, obliged by these regulations to use pilotage service may warp along the same free quay without pilot's assistance provided that harbour master's permission has been granted .

§ 42. The pilot shall notify harbour master's office of unmooring and mooring of a ship and provide the position of piloted ship if requested so by harbour master's office.

§ 43.1. The use of pilotage service shall be obligatory in the area of road, anchorage, to ship's berth and vice versa.

2. In agreement with the pilot and on permission of harbour master's office, master (commander) of a ship may not follow the rule specified in subparagraph 1 and embark or disembark the pilot at another place.

Part II – Additional regulations, chapter I – Additional regulations for the Port of Gdańsk

§ 114.1. Ships of length of 50 m and more shall be obliged to use pilotage service except the area defined in paragraph 115.

2. Tankers of length of more than 200 m or draught of more than 13 m, carrying oil derivative goods, chemicals or liquefied gas in bulk, or not gas free after carrying such cargo shall be obliged to use the service of two pilots.

3. In reasonably motivated cases Harbour Master may exempt from the above requirement.

§ 115.1. All ships of length of 40 m and more shall be obliged to use pilotage service at Wisła Śmiała Outlet (Górki Zachodnie) and in the area of Martwa Wisła.

2. The tow may navigate at the area mentioned in subparagraph 1 after receiving harbour master's permission.

Chapter III – Additional regulations for the Port of Elbląg

§ 138.1. Ships entering the port from Zalew Wiślany, obliged to use pilotage service, shall embark the pilot at 6/ELB buoy.

2. The pilot may disembark the ship leaving the port after passing right entry (PGW – green lighthouse).

3. In reasonably motivated cases (weather conditions) Harbour Master's Office may indicate

other place of embarkation and disembarkation of the pilot.

4. The rules of using pilotage service shall be governed by other provisions.