

STANDING ORDER NO. 5 OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARITIME OFFICE IN GDYNIA

dated 19 April 2006

regarding implementation of compulsory pilotage, determination of conditions for using pilot services and exemptions from compulsory pilotage

Pursuant to Art.36 Section 5 of the Act of 9 November 2000 on Maritime Safety (Official Journal of Laws No.109, Item 1156; of 2002 No. 240, Item 2060; of 2003 No. 229, Item 2277 and No. 199, Item 1936; of 2004 No. 6, Item 41; No. 93, Item 895 and No. 93, Item 899; of 2005 No. 155, Item 1298 and No. 203, Item 1683) the following shall be in force:

§1

The regulations of this Standing Order shall introduce compulsory use of pilot services by ships in the area of territorial responsibility of the Director of Maritime Office in Gdynia, determine conditions for using pilot services and exemptions from the compulsory pilotage.

§2

The obligation referred to in § 1 shall apply to vessels specified in § 36 Section 1 and Section 2 of the Standing Order No. 12 of the Director of Maritime Office in Gdynia dated 14 June 2005 – Port Regulations (Official Journal of the Pomorskie Voivodship No. 69, Item 312, No. 87, Item 1779; of 2006 No. 1, Item 5, Official Journal of the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship No. 78, Item 1100, Nr 123, poz. 1533, No. 217, Item 2373), hereinafter referred to as „Port Regulations”.

§3

1. Following vessels shall be exempted from the obligation of compulsory pilotage:

- 1) vessels of the Navy, Border Guard, Police, Customs Service, SAR service and vessels of the Polish maritime administration.
- 2) inland water ships other than passenger ships and other than ships carrying dangerous goods as defined in § 6 Item 14 of the Port Regulations, or not gas-free after their carriage, whose masters hold the boatmaster’s A certificate for inland navigation or hold the certificate of deck officer of seagoing ships.
- 3) any rigidly-coupled tug-pushed units with an overall length not exceeding 85 m – within the area of the Port of Gdańsk, and those not exceeding 90 m within the area of the Port of Gdynia.
- 4) seagoing ships used exclusively for scientific and research purposes,
- 5) passenger ships engaged in domestic navigation,
- 6) school ships,
- 7) ships used for sporting and recreational purposes with an overall length not exceeding 24 m.

2. Items 4-7 apply to ships of Polish nationality.

§4

1. The harbour master may permit maneuvering of ship without the necessity of engaging pilot for port pilotage on conditions specified in this Standing Order.

2. The permit referred to in Section 1, is hereinafter referred to as “Exemption”.

§5

The exemption referred to in § 4 may be granted to masters with a minimum of 12 month experience as shipmaster in sea service.

§6

1. The harbour master shall assess qualifications of the shipmaster applying for exemption on the basis of:
 - 1) examination to verify master's knowledge of port and roadstead sailing directions, port regulations, VTS regulations and regulations regarding safety of navigation and environment protection;
 - 2) size and maneuvering capacities of the ship or tow;
 - 3) practical pilotage training involving at least 6 vessel's port entry/departure maneuvers. Shipmaster's practical training shall be confirmed by the chief pilot responsible for a specific pilotage area and include assessment on maneuvering vessels.
2. Examination referred to in Section 1 shall be carried out by Examination Board acting at the Director of Maritime Office in Gdynia.
3. Examination referred to in Section 1 shall be held once every 5 years, subject to provisions of Section 6;
4. 5 years after taking the examination, any shipmaster applying for another exemption from pilot services shall again submit to this examination .
5. Any shipmaster who applies for another pilotage exemption within one year upon expiry of his previous exemption shall acquaint himself with amendments/changes to regulations referred to in Section 1, Item 1 and prove before the Harbour Master that he is familiar with those amendments/changes.
6. Any shipmaster who applies for another pilotage exemption later than one year after expiry of his previous exemption shall submit to examination according to terms specified in Section 1 and Section 2.

§7

Shipmasters on tankers providing ships with fuel supplies (bunker ships) who apply for pilotage exemption must meet requirements specified in § 6 and have additionally:

- 1) minimum 12 month experience as shipmaster or senior officer on tanker ships;
- 2) performed 10 pilot-assisted maneuvers of port pilotage (ship entering/leaving the port area), at least 4 of which have to be conducted during the night time.

§8

The exemption from pilotage shall be issued by the harbour master upon shipmaster's fulfillment of any obligations resulting from the provisions of § 5 and § 6, and for bunker ships also obligations resulting from the provisions of § 7 of this Standing Order.

§9

1. In order to obtain pilotage exemption, the shipmaster shall – upon fulfillment of requirements specified in § 5, §6 and in case of bunker ship additionally requirements specified in §7, submit at the harbour master's office appropriate application form for issuance of pilotage exemption.
2. Following documents shall be enclosed to the application form referred to in Section 1;
 - 1) copy of the certificate of competence (having previously presented the original document to the Harbour Master),
 - 2) copy of GMDSS Operator Certificate
 - 3) copy of certificate of management-level training in the use of radar and ARPA
 - 4) excerpt from the sailing log book for the last 3 years
 - 5) current health certificate
 - 6) certificate of sea service in accordance with the requirements of § 6 Section 1 Item 3 and § 7

Item 2 with respect to bunker ships.

§10

The exemption from pilotage is issued for a period of 12 months.

§11

Fees charged for application forms, appendices to application forms, examinations and issuance of pilotage exemptions are regulated and determined by separate provisions.

§12

The harbour master may retract an exemption once issued referred to in § 10 in case of stated violation of port regulations or any other generally applicable regulations concerning navigation safety. The re-issuance of exemption shall be contingent upon shipmaster's taking the required examination in accordance with the provisions of § 6 Section 1 and Section 2.

§13

The specimen of exemption from pilotage is specified in appendix to this Standing Order.

§14

Standing Order No. 15 of the Director of Maritime Office in Gdynia dated 1 Decemeber 2003 (Official Journal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship No. 160, Item 3266; of 2005 No. 69, Item 1312, Official Journal of the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship No. 188, Item 2276; of 2005 No. 78, Item 1100) shall end validity.

§15

This Standing Order shall enter into force 14 days after its announcement and is subject to publishing in the Official Journals of Pomorskie and Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeships.

STANDING ORDER NO. 3 OF THE DIRECTOR OF MARITIME OFFICE IN GDYNIA

dated 16 April 2007

amending the Standing Order on implementation of compulsory pilotage, determination of conditions for using pilot services and exemptions from compulsory pilotage

Pursuant to Art.36 Section 5 of the Act of 9 November 2000 on Maritime Safety (Official Journal of Laws No.109, Item 693)) the following shall be in force:

§1

Standing Order No. 5 of the Director of Maritime Office in Gdynia dated 19 April 2006 regarding implementation of compulsory pilotage, determination of conditions for using pilot services and exemptions from compulsory pilotage (Official Journal of the Pomorskie Voivodship No. 53 Item 1111 i Nr 74, poz. 1528, Official Journal of the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship No. 55 Item 1076 and No. 90, Item 1525) shall be amended as follows:

- 1) the existing contents of § 3 shall now read as Section 1
- 2) in § 3, Section 1 Item 3 shall be followed by Items 4-7 in the following meaning:
- 4) seagoing ships used exclusively for scientific and research purposes,
- 5) passenger ships engaged in domestic navigation,
- 6) school ships
- 7) ships used for sporting and recreational purposes with an overall length not exceeding 24 m.
- 3) in § 3, a new Section 2 shall be added in the following meaning:

„2. Items 4-7 apply to ships of Polish nationality.”

§2

This Standing Order shall enter into force on the 1st of May 2007 and is subject to publishing in the Official Journals of the Pomorskie and Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodeships.

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