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To:

All Ships' Agents
Port of Sunderland

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Ventilation of ship's holds

Before commencing loading or discharging operations in relation to any vessel within the Port of Sunderland, it is essential that all holds and hold accesses have been properly ventilated to ensure that no toxic gases are present. In addition, atmosphere tests should be conducted with O₂ readings being recorded.

For the avoidance of doubt, it is the ship master's responsibility to ensure that venting and atmosphere testing have been carried out. This will be recorded by means of "Arrival Ship/Shore Checklist" (supplied to the master by the pilot on embarkation).

Until this form has been fully and satisfactorily completed and handed to the Port of Sunderland Authority representative supervising the operation, no stevedoring or cargo-handling activity will be permitted to take place.

Should a ship's master be unable to confirm that holds have been vented and / or provide an O₂ reading, it will be the responsibility of the vessel's owners to arrange appropriate scientific testing at their own expense.

Please bring this letter to the attention of relevant personnel being dealt with by your agency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AK Ullah".

Capt AK Ullah
Harbour Master



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