

PROCEDURE

Issued by: Capt AK Ullah, Harbour Master **Date** 05/11/2016
Subject: **Immobilisation of engines – Vessels**

1.0 Information

1.1 Unless exempted by the Harbour Master (such as in the case of cold lay-up), the engine of any vessel within the Port of Sunderland jurisdiction must not be immobilised without permission from the Harbour Master or his Deputy.

1.2 Vessels will not normally be granted permission if such immobilisation would:

- Interrupt scheduled cargo handling operations;
- Interfere with fire-fighting capability;
- Impair ability to handle moorings; or
- If a “high-flash” cargo is being carried.

2.0 The master of a ship wishing to immobilise engines should notify Sunderland Harbour Radio, stating the duration and reason for immobilisation.

2.1 Permission will not be granted until a signed copy of the Port of Sunderland “Request to immobilise engines” form (Appendix 1) has been received by Sunderland Port Control by one of the following means:

- In person;
- By email to portmarineoperations@sunderland.gov.uk;
- By fax to 0191 553 2145; or
- In the case of the port’s seaward jurisdiction (should none of the above options be available), by telephoning 0191 514 2752 when the duty LPS operator will complete the form on behalf of the vessel after reading it through and obtaining the agreement of the master or appropriate person to comply with its contents. Note: All calls are recorded.

2.2 Vessels must notify Sunderland Harbour Radio of any delay in the immobilisation period and once engines becoming operational following immobilisation.

2.3 Any vessel immobilisation engines within the seaward jurisdiction of the Port of Sunderland must also notify Humber Coastguard Operations Centre (call sign Humber Coastguard) on Marine VHF Channel 16.

2.4 Completed “Request to immobilise engines” forms will be filed by the pilots / Deputy Harbour Masters.

FORM

Subject: **Immobilisation of engines – Vessels (Appendix 1)**

I hereby request permission to immobilise the main engines of:

Name of vessel: _____

At (berth or position): _____

Between the hours of: _____ on _____ / _____ / _____

and _____ on _____ / _____ / _____

Reason: _____

I confirm and agree:

- That I will comply strictly with any instructions given by the Harbour Master or his authorised deputies and assistants as to the position and / or mooring of the vessel and the duration of immobilisation.
- That scheduled cargo handling operations will not be interrupted
- That fire-fighting capability will not be interfered with
- That the vessel's ability to handle moorings will not be impaired
- That a responsible ship's officer will be in attendance during the immobilisation period
- To release and indemnify the Port of Sunderland and its servants and agents from and against all liability for personal injury (whether fatal or not), loss or damage to property and any other loss, damage, costs and expense howsoever caused and which but for the exercise of this permission would not have arisen.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Rank: _____

Permission granted subject to compliance with the above conditions.

Signature: _____ (Harbour Master / Deputy)

Time / date: _____, _____ / _____ / _____

