

Direction No: 3/2016—Anchorage—continued**DIRECTION**

Section 36 of the Regulations empowers the Port Manager to give directions concerning the movement, anchoring, mooring, location and speed of a vessel in a precinct of a declared port. The Port Manager now directs the following;

A: Mooring of Accommodation Vessel

- 1) Complete the application form and a letter stating the purpose of requesting a mooring space to moor an accommodation vessel,
- 2) A valid company registration documents,
- 3) The number of people to be accommodated at one time including ship's crew,
- 4) The company's plans for ship to shore movements,
- 5) The company's emergency and evacuation plans,
- 6) Oil Spill and harbour environment management plans,
- 7) Waste Disposal Management Plans,
- 8) Vessel Manning Plans,
- 9) Evidence of meeting NMSA requirements,
- 10) Vessel's contact details including radio communications,
- 11) Pay a security bond fee (refundable),
- 12) All port charges or dues must be paid upfront.

B: Permanent and Temporary Mooring or Anchoring

- 1) Vessels shall be permitted to lay mooring buoy or drop anchor in a mooring zone specifically allocated for a category of vessels.
- 2) Permanent Mooring positions are on an annual basis and fees paid three (3) months in advance.
- 3) All vessels taking up mooring positions to await berth availability shall not be charged anchorage fees if they take up berth space within the seven days period.
- 4) All vessels that take up anchorage positions for purpose of customs clearance and crew changeover shall pay anchorage fees.
- 5) All distressed vessels that take up anchorage positions shall not be charged within seven (7) days period and anchorage charges shall be applied after seven days.
- 6) All military and Government sanction vessels and all vessels engaged in hydrographical surveys shall be exempted from paying anchorage charges.
- 7) The Port Manager in consultation with the pilots shall direct vessel to respective anchorage zones.
- 8) In the event of allocated mooring positions being vacated for any reason during the tenancy period, or not renewed for a subsequent twelve (12) months, the owner of all mooring equipment located at such allocated mooring position shall remove it in its entirety from the mooring area.
- 9) All mooring positions are allocated to persons for use by the specific vessel for which a permit shall be issued. All allocated positions shall not be transferred or sublet without the written approval of the Port Manager.
- 10) The persons allocated permanent mooring positions shall accept full responsibility for the mooring of their vessels and shall notify the Port Manager forthwith in writing of any damage to property of other vessels or state and shall indemnify the Port Manager from and against all claims, losses, demands or other expenses arising out of such damage.

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- 1) The master of the vessel shall ensure no discharge of oil, refuse, waste or other matter is made into the waters of the port and harbour areas.
- 2) The master or agent of the vessel shall not scrape and clean the hull of the vessel and dispose of any hull fouling material into the port waters. No painting of the vessel shall take place whilst the vessel is at anchorage.
- 3) A person shall not change the mooring or place of anchorage of a vessel, move a vessel from it or cut, break or destroy a mooring or unmoor, interfere, or cast off or take any boat away from an anchorage position without the written approval of the Port Manager.
- 4) A vessel at anchorage shall not have a boat riding astern of it, or attached to it greater distance than six (6) meters or have any lighter or deeply laden boat, log of timber or other floating objects riding astern while at anchor.
- 5) The master or agent of the vessel shall not put more than two (2) lighters lying abreast to prevent confusion about the number of vessels at berth.
- 6) The master or agent of the vessel at anchorage shall not undertake any ship to ship (STS) transfer operations or any other such similar operations including the discharge of cargo overside while at anchorage without the written approval of the Port Manager.
- 7) The Port Manager shall be notified within the 24 hours period in relation to the change of ownership for vessels at anchorage.
- 8) The master/owner/agent of the vessel are equally responsible for meeting all safety requirements set by relevant stage agencies such as DoT, NMSA, or conditions set by any other laws.

Liability

Neither the Port Manager nor PNGPCL nor its agents shall, in any case, be responsible for and against any loss, damage or injury to a person or property caused by directly or indirectly, out of or in any way attributable or incidentally when entering and leaving the declared ports.

Given under my hand this 3rd of March, 2017.

H. KILA (MS),
Port Manager.