



Department: HARBOUR MASTER

26 September 2014
CEO and Vessel Agents
Durban
4001

Dear Valued Clients of the Port of Durban

TOPIC: Increase in the Under-keel clearance of Vessels Berthing at the Container Berths in the Port Of Durban

The above mentioned subject refers.

Further to our recent meeting on 22 September 2014.

Thank you for the constructive engagement on the subject.


This letter serves to confirm that, after due consideration of representations made, in the interest of the safety of vessels calling at the Port of Durban Terminals and in line with international norms, the decision has been taken to increase the current under-keel clearance vessels at the Container Berths and all other berths in the Port of Durban from 30 cm -60cm.

Against this background, any vessel calling at or departing from the berths with a draft in excess of 12,2 meters will be considered a tidal vessel and will require an application to the Office of the Harbour Master accompanied with Tidal calculation from the vessel before the vessel is berthed/ sailed.

Such application must also be accompanied by the duly completed Port Authority Indemnity and the Tidal calculation from the vessel to the Office of the Harbour Master.

Please be guided accordingly.

Kind regards


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