

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

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## PORT OF LIVERPOOL

### MARITIME DECLARATIONS OF HEALTH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, with immediate effect, the following procedures will apply to all foreign-going vessels entering the limits of the Port of Liverpool bound for berths in the Port or berths in the Port of Manchester or Garston Docks, or to the Cammell Laird shipyard or Bromborough Wharf.

Where a vessel's previous port of call prior to entering the limits of the Port of Liverpool was a foreign port (i.e. a port or other coastal place situated elsewhere than in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the Republic of Ireland):

#### **Vessels Requiring a Liverpool Pilot and a Manchester Pilot**

No less than an hour prior to the Liverpool Pilot's boarding time, the vessel's Master will be contacted by VHF and requested to confirm that a Maritime Declaration of Health for the vessel has been submitted to either the Mersey Port Health Authority or Manchester Port Health Authority, as appropriate.

If the Master does not confirm that a Maritime Declaration of Health has been submitted, then:

- (a) the Liverpool Pilot boarding arrangements will be cancelled (and charges applied as appropriate);
- (b) the vessel may be directed, as appropriate, either to one of the designated anchorages or to leave the limits of the Port of Liverpool; and
- (c) the relevant Port Health Authority and ship agent will be advised.

No further bookings for a Liverpool Pilot will be accepted until such time as the Master confirms that the Maritime Declaration of Health has been submitted to and accepted by the relevant Port Health Authority.

### **Vessels Requiring a Manchester Pilot Only**

Prior to passing the Bar Light Float inward-bound, the vessel's Master will be contacted by Mersey VTS and requested to confirm that a Maritime Declaration of Health for the vessel has been submitted to the Manchester Port Health Authority.

If the Master does not confirm that a Maritime Declaration of Health has been submitted, then:

- (a) the vessel will be directed to abort its approach and proceed either to one of the designated anchorages or to leave the limits of the Port of Liverpool; and
- (b) the Manchester Port Health Authority and ship agent will be advised.

The vessel will not be permitted to resume its inward transit until such time as the Master confirms that the Maritime Declaration of Health has been submitted to and accepted by the Manchester Port Health Authority.

### **Vessels Not Requiring a Liverpool Pilot or Manchester Pilot**

Prior to passing the Bar Light Float inward-bound, the vessel's Master will be contacted by Mersey VTS and requested to confirm that a Maritime Declaration of Health for the vessel has been submitted to either the Mersey Port Health Authority or Manchester Port Health Authority, as appropriate.

If the Master does not confirm that a Maritime Declaration of Health has been submitted, the relevant Port Health Authority will be advised immediately; however, the vessel will be permitted to continue its inward-bound transit unless advice is received to the contrary from the relevant Port Health Authority.