

The Ports & Marine Facilities Safety Code Policy Statement

The Group Harbour Master, as the senior marine professional, understands the statutory and common law duties which includes an obligation to conserve and facilitate the safe use of each of our harbours and has an express duty to take such action as each harbour authority considers necessary or desirable for or incidental to maintenance, operation, improvement or conservancy of the harbour.

To that end the Group Harbour Master is the custodian of the Group Marine Safety Management System, which details how marine operations are to be conducted safely in our ports. Where appropriate, consultations take place with all those who work in and use the harbours to ensure that they are fully involved in the preparation of the Group Marine Safety Management System, marine policies and procedures.

Full and comprehensive risk assessments are undertaken in respect of all activities and facilities within the harbours leading to the development of the Group Marine Safety Management System.

Protection of the environment is recognised by general and specific duties and the Group Marine Safety Management System prescribes functions in a manner which has regard to nature conservation and broader environmental considerations.

The Port Director of each of the Peel Ports Group Statutory Harbour Authorities and the Operations Director of Peel Ports Logistics (PPL)¹ are the Duty Holders for the purposes of the Ports & Marine Facilities Safety Code (The Code) and individually accept responsibility for ensuring that the relevant harbour authority or terminal, discharges its duties in accordance with The Code. They also have responsibility and accountability for delivering the respective Statutory Harbour Authority's' or terminal's duties and powers in relation to marine operations and harbour undertakings within their control, through the application of the Group Marine Safety Management System.

The Port Directors and PPL Operations Director as Duty Holders are committed to undertaking and regulating maritime operations through the operation of the Group Marine Safety Management System in a way that safeguards their users, the public, the environment and their harbours/terminals.

¹ PPL is part of the Peel Ports Group and whilst not a Statutory Harbour Authority, operates terminals at Ellesmere Port, Runcorn and the Humber Estuary.

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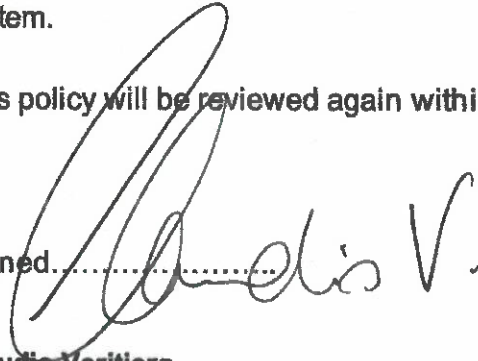


The Port Directors and PPL Operations Director are advised on all matters related to the relevant Statutory Harbour Authority's or terminal's responsibilities under The Code, and duties and powers, by the Group Harbour Master, the General Counsel and the QHSSE managers.

The Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director (Port Services) oversee the implementation of policies and decisions of the Group and together with the Chief Executive have ultimate executive responsibility for the safety of operations and staff.

The Chief Operating Officer, the Managing Director (Port Services), the Group Harbour Master, the Port Directors and PPL Operations Director are committed to the continuous improvement of safety within the Group's ports by the constant development of policies, systems and techniques of risk control, governed by an independent assured audit system.

This policy will be reviewed again within the next three years.

Signed.....

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