



# Associated British Ports South Wales

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

### NO 25 OF 2016

## **LEGISLATION UPDATES: DANGEROUS GOODS IN HARBOUR AREAS REGULATIONS 2016, AND CONTAINER WEIGHT VERIFICATION**

Colleagues,

You are asked to note the following updates to legislation.

### **Dangerous Goods in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016 - update**

Following the HSE consultation on the review and update of the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations 1987 (DSHAR) which was completed on 23 December 2015, the process of agreeing the proposals with ministers for the new Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016 (DGHAR) has been completed.

The Dangerous Goods in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016 have now been laid in parliament and will take effect on 1 October subject to parliamentary scrutiny. The statutory instrument is available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/721/contents/made>.

DGHAR modernises and simplifies DSHAR, removing redundant and superseded sections while retaining proportionate protections.

A new Approved Code of Practice has also been developed to support DGHAR, the draft DGHAR ACOP is now available on the HSE webpage at <http://hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l155.htm>.

The final ACOP will be published by 1 October.

### **Verification of container weights**

The DfT has requested that harbour masters and all port users are reminded of the obligation on shippers to verify the gross mass of packed containers, effective since 1 July 2016 under the amendment to SOLAS VI Regulation 2. Full details of the procedure are published in MGN 534 (M+F) which may be viewed at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/436986/MGN534\\_Complete.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/436986/MGN534_Complete.pdf)

The DfT has produced an updated list of commercial organisations offering MCA approved weighing processes which may be viewed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/solas-container-weight-method-2-mca-approved-weighing>.

This list is subject to updates as more applications are received and new approvals are made.

For any queries regarding container weighing, please contact: Will Harding Container Weighing Maritime and Coastguard Agency Bay 2/29, Spring Place 105, Commercial Road Southampton SO15 1EG Tel: +44 (0) 2380 329 141 [Container.Weight@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:Container.Weight@mcga.gov.uk)

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