

1. COMMENCEMENT

These Pilotage Directions shall come into force on 22 December 2022 on which date all previous Pilotage Directions are revoked.

2. SHORT TITLE

These Pilotage Directions may be cited as the Stornoway Port Authority Pilotage Directions 2022 and are made by Stornoway Port Authority, a competent harbour authority within the meaning of the Pilotage Act 1987, in exercise of its powers under Section 7 of that Act.

3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

In these Directions, the following words have the following meanings:

- (a) "dangerous goods" means those goods as defined at Regulation 3 and exceeding the quantities listed at Schedule 1 of the Dangerous Goods in Harbour Areas Regulations 2016.
- (b) "in bulk" means any cargo which is loaded directly into the cargo spaces of a ship without any intermediate form of containment.
- (c) "towing" means a tug or other vessel towing, or pushing, holding, moving, escorting, guiding or standing by another vessel astern, alongside or ahead.
- (d) "harbour" means all the waters of the harbour of Stornoway within the Statutory Harbour Limits specified in the Stornoway Harbour Acts & Orders 1976 to 2021, as the same may be restated or amended from time to time.
- (e) "vessel" has the meaning set out in Stornoway Port Authority Harbour Revision Order 2021 or any amendment thereof.

4. APPLICATION

Except as otherwise provided herein, these Pilotage Directions shall not apply to:

- (a) Vessels of less than 20 metres in length overall or to fishing vessels of less than 47.5metres length overall; or
- (b) UK warships and other vessels in the long-term service of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the Northern Lighthouse Board, Marine Scotland and UK Border Force engaged in performing their statutory duties or other operations in support of these statutory duties.

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5. COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

Pilotage shall be compulsory for the following vessels navigating anywhere within the harbour north of the line of latitude of 58° 11.50'N, and in the area marked as Glumaig Harbour on Admiralty Chart 2529:

- (a) Vessels carrying on board dangerous goods in bulk;
- (b) Vessels over 30 metres length overall carrying 12 or more passengers;
- (c) Vessels over 25m in length overall engaged in towing;
- (d) Vessels under 25m in length overall engaged in towing vessels or structures over 20m in length excluding, with the prior approval of the harbourmaster, such vessels engaged in emergency towing.
- (e) Vessels over 65 metres in length overall with single main propulsion unit and without an operational bow thruster;
- (f) Vessels over 75 metres in length overall without both operational bow thruster and stern thruster;
- (g) All vessels over 95m in length overall;
- (h) Any vessel which has any defect in its hull, machinery or equipment which might affect its safe navigation within the harbour.
- (i) Any vessel which in the opinion of the Harbourmaster is restricted or hampered in any way in its operation so as to present a potential hazard to the safety of navigation within the harbour;