

Department: Harbour Masters Office



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To: Vessel Agents, Vessel Owners, SAASOA Members,
Bunker Operators, Ship Chandlers,
Offshore Operators, Vessel Crew Shuttle Services,
Stevedore Companies, Terminal Operators

CC: TNPA Chief Executive, Chief Harbour Master,
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PORT OF DURBAN HARBOUR MASTER'S INSTRUCTION: SEGMENTATION OF COMMODITIES IN MAYDON WHARF PRECINCT – EFFECTIVE 01 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The main function of Transnet National Ports Authority ("TNPA") is to own, manage, control and administer ports to ensure their efficient and economic functioning. In doing so, the Authority must regulate and control the loading, unloading and storage of cargo and offshore cargo handling facilities, including navigation in the vicinity of such facilities.
- 1.2 Section 74 (3) (b) empowers the Harbour Master to issue such written or verbal instructions as may be reasonably necessary for controlling the manner in which cargo, fuel, water or ship stores are taken on, discharged or handled.

2. SEGMENTATION OF COMMODITIES IN MAYDON WHARF PRECINCT

- 2.1 The TNPA Port of Durban Berthing Guidelines (effective 1 September 2017) states as per Paragraph 6.4 that the Harbour Master will consider inter alia the following factors in the interest of safety, security, good order, protection of the environment, efficiency, and orderly working of the port in the allocation of resources:

- 2.1.1. Vessels with emergencies
- 2.1.2. Shipping Backlog recovery
- 2.1.3. Tidal vessels
- 2.1.4. Sensitive cargo vessels e.g., Passengers
- 2.1.5. Liner type vessels – time sensitive
- 2.1.6. Key Commodities
- 2.1.7. Weather Conditions

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2.2. The following key commodities have been identified in the Port:

- 2.2.1 Containers
- 2.2.2 Motor Vehicles
- 2.2.3 Agricultural Products

- 2.3 The Harbour Masters Instructions for Maydon Wharf Berths effective 01 September 2022 states that
Compatible commodities will be handled within the same cluster to relieve contamination and to regulate product handling in commodity clusters (agriproducts, minerals, and liquid bulk). Further, the Authority reserves the right to allocate vessels to a berth in a way that will not interfere with operations on the adjoining berth(s).
- 2.4 Vessels handling incompatible cargo will not be handled simultaneously and adjacent to each other. In the event of a cluster not being able to handle a product or lease conditions prohibiting the cluster from handling a product, the Authority reserves the right to assign additional handling rights to an alternative cluster to relieve any congestion that may result.

3. HARBOUR MASTERS INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 With consideration of the aforesaid guidelines, and in an attempt to minimise and/or prevent "dirty cargo" and contamination of other fruit and food commodities in the Maydon Wharf Precinct, segmentation of commodities (agricultural/food and minerals) is required.
- 3.2 Accordingly, agricultural and food products will be handled from MW 1/2 to MW 6/7.
- 3.3. Minerals will therefore be handled from MW 9 to MW 15.
- 3.4 It is to be noted that minerals will be allowed between MW 1/2 and MW 6/7 only in exceptional circumstances.

The above Instruction must be complied with, and any deviation will only be permitted by the Harbour Master.

By order of:



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Acting Harbour Master
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