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Subject: Instruction on the Making Fast of Tugs During Vessel Entry to / Departure from Ports, pursuant to paragraph 131 of K.D.P. 373/2016

The Cyprus Ports Authority (CPA) issues the present Instruction further to recent incidents and within the framework of the powers conferred upon it by the Cyprus Ports Authority (Operation of Port Areas) Order of 2016 (K.D.P. 373/2016), as amended or replaced from time to time, and in accordance with paragraphs 38, 194(1) and (2), and 200(1) and (2), with the aim of ensuring the safety of navigation during the entry to and departure from ports.

Specifically, it is hereby instructed that during the entry to or departure from a port of any vessel, which, under the applicable legislation, is required to use a tug, such tug shall be made fast to the vessel.

Tug Fast / Release Points

Inbound:

The tug(s) shall be made fast no later than before the vessel's bow reaches the red entrance light of the port.

Outbound:

The tug(s) shall remain made fast at least until the vessel's bow reaches abeam of the green exit light of the port.

It is understood that, by way of exception and under the responsibility of the Master, the tug may not be made fast to the vessel in the following cases:

1. Where the Master considers that making fast would pose an immediate risk to the safety of the tug, its crew, or the vessel.
2. In cases where more than one (1) tug is used and, based on operational assessment, the additional tug is more suitably employed without being made fast for reasons of safe navigation.
3. In cases where the actual conditions of the vessels involved are such that making fast is not feasible.

It is clarified that, where any of the above exceptions is applied, the Master shall inform the Authority in writing, either directly or through the vessel's port agent, via email at regulator@cpa.gov.cy.

Responsibility for monitoring and enforcement lies with the Ports Regulatory Affairs Management. The present Instruction enters into force with immediate effect and you are hereby called upon to ensure strict compliance.