

## PORT CIRCULAR 4 OF 2017

To: All Port Operators

From: Captain of the Port

Date: 15 March 2017

Re: **ADDITION TO PRE ARRIVAL INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS**

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Dear All

As part of a review of information requirements for vessels calling at Gibraltar, we have identified a number of additional critical information pre-requisites which will assist in further promoting the efficiency and safety of operations.

At this stage we need to highlight a number of issues, as follows:

- The requirement for a vessel to require tug assistance when berthing will be made by the Master of the vessel in close consultation with the Pilots. Whenever a requirement for a tug to assist in berthing is communicated to the vessel's agent, this is not a recommendation, but rather a requirement.
- Conscious of the fact that tug costs will affect the commercial viability of the vessel's call to Gibraltar, we are introducing a further set of information requirements for all vessels calling at berth at Gibraltar Port. Please refer to the attached spread-sheet which will need to be completed and submitted to VMS (under the 'other documents' section) for these vessels.
- A vessel calling at berth will not be cleared for entry into Gibraltar until this document is entered into the VMS.
- The sooner we can have this information provided to us, the sooner we can revert with the requirement for tugs to assist the berthing (in the event that tugs are required). This should facilitate an accurate pre-calculation of calling costs and eliminate a measure of uncertainty from these calls

We are looking to implement this additional mandatory information requirement from 3 April 2017 but would welcome any feedback and / or comments by no later than 24 March 2017 to allow time to review and, where appropriate, incorporate any changes before the implementation date.

**BY ORDER OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT**