



# **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

**No.19 – 04<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**SUBJECT: Towage Approval Certificate**

## **NOTICE TO ALL AGENTS, SHIP OWNERS, OPERATORS AND REGISTERED SURVEY COMPANIES**

Notice hereby given that towage of barges / vessels into and out of the port will not be undertaken until receipt of a Towage Approval Certificate (TAC). The Towage Approval Certificate needs to be issued in accordance with the Guidelines for Safe Ocean Towing issued by IMO (Ref. T1/3.02) (MSC/Circ.884, dated 21 December 1998).

A copy of circular (931/198/2/3, dated: 17.05.2017) issued by Federal Transport Authority, United Arab Emirates, enforcing the above requirement, and the above IMO guidelines have been emailed to all agents together with this Notice to Mariners.

Every company holding a registration with Port Authority must obtain necessary approval from Federal Transport Authority to issue Towage Approval Certificate. The inspector/surveyor from the registered company must undertake an inspection one hour before the sailing, and the name & signature of the inspector/surveyor should be recorded clearly on the Certificate.

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