



NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 06 – 21st February 2021

Subject: Dangerous Goods Approved Code of Practice (DG ACOP) & Dangerous Goods Port Entry Notification Form

To: Ship-Owners, Ship-Operators and Managers, Ship-Masters, Ship-Agents, Charterers, Shippers, Tenants, Terminal Operators and others involved in the transport of dangerous goods carried in cargo transport units by sea.

Please be advised that RAK Ports has introduced “**Dangerous Goods Approved Code of Practice**” to assist port users in implementing the requirements of RAK Ports, regarding safe transport, handling and short-term storage of Dangerous Goods (DG) within the jurisdiction of the RAK Ports.

The code and associated forms can be downloaded from Marine section of RAK Ports website.

Link for the code: <https://rakports.ae/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/DG-ACoP.pdf>

The provisions of the IMDG Code for the safe preparation, storage, handling and shipment of dangerous goods need to be strictly adhered to by all stakeholders (ships, terminal operators, tenants, shippers, stevedores, and transport operators) in order to ensure no incidents occur while dealing with dangerous goods on board ships and in ports.

Below are the mandatory steps for notification to be followed for the Entry of DG into the Port by sea:

- The notification of DG entering port on board a vessel must be submitted to the Port Authority at least 48 hours prior to its arrival. A reduced period of notification may be accepted if the duration of the voyage from the previous port is less than 48 hours.
- The Agent of the vessel is required to notify the Port Authority in advance of all DG cargoes to be imported or exported by a vessel at the Port. When this occurs, the **Dangerous Goods Port Entry Notification Form** shall be completed by the Agent of the vessel and submitted to Port Authority (Port Control) at least 48 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel carrying DG. If the duration of the voyage is less than 48 hours, then the form must be provided no later than the time of departure from the previous port.
- Port Authority may, at its discretion, accept the notification of a DG cargo and grant approval for a cargo to be brought into the waters of the Port or on a terminal of the Port.
- While at anchorage or alongside berth, the Master of the vessel loading/discharging dangerous goods shall complete the **Master Undertaken Statement** form, sign, stamp and submit to the Safety department through his agent. A copy of the Master Undertaken Statement shall be forwarded to the Marine department.

Further to the above, please note, in case of DG entering a port area by land, the Agent/Supplier must submit the completed ***Dangerous Goods Port Entry Checklist*** at least 24 hours (48 hours for UN class 1) prior to its arrival and approved by the Health and Safety department prior to their entry. All DG ACOP forms can be downloaded from Marine section of RAK Ports website.

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