

Date : May 5, 2009

Notice to Mariner No. 125

Notice to Agent No. 17 /2009

**SUBJECT : PORT CLEARANCE FOR COMMERCIAL VESSELS
CARRYING MILITARY CARGO**

Further to our Notice to Agent No. 14/2009 dated 29 April, 2009, please note the following,

A. Diplomatic Clearance

Diplomatic Clearance is compulsory for,

1. Navy Vessel to enter Territorial water and to berth inside Port.
2. Commercial vessel discharging Military Cargo which is planned to exit the Port (to airport or other destination) must have Diplomatic Clearance for the cargo and the transfer of cargo must with escort of Army & Police.
3. Commercial vessel discharging full or part cargo of Military equipment must have Diplomatic Clearance for the cargo.
4. Commercial vessel loading Military cargo which has entered the Port via the ingate or as transshipment cargo must have Diplomatic Clearance for the cargo.
5. Commercial Container vessels discharging or loading military cargo for transshipment to other vessel does not require diplomatic clearance (subject to providing full discharge/loading details to Operations Department and Cargo should be declared to Customs Authority). This cargo must exclude radio active materials and ammunition.

B. Port Clearance.

Port Clearance is not required for Navy Vessel, **but is compulsory to commercial vessel carrying military cargo.**

Thanks & Regards,

Capt. Tamer Masoud
HARBOUR MASTER.