

Notice to Agent No. 24/2009

SUBJECT : USE OF PORT BERTHS BY SHIPS UNDER REPAIR

When ship in repair at Port berths, they have to follow the incoming regulation to ensure a high level of safety to people, property & equipment,

1. All safety arrangement and regulation to be followed and fire fighting system should be installed as per Health, Safety & Environment (H.S.E) procedures and requirement during ship repair operation.
2. Firefighting and Life-saving appliances onboard,
 - a. Ship master must maintain their firefighting & life saving appliances according to type and quantity for number of persons onboard confirming with SOLAS 1974 and with any other instructions from I.M.O concerned with evaluations, testing and acceptances of this equipment.
 - b. Smoking may be allowed only at designated area provided in vessel.
 - c. Repair work involving burning, welding, flame cutting, brazing, grinding and similar operations which produce ignition sources including use of naked lights are prohibited unless a hot work authorization has been issued as per port requirement.
 - d. Gas free certificate need to be submitted to Control Tower every day.
 - e. During break in the work and also when work is finished, compressors, electric motors and welding apparatus are to be switched off.

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3. Electric and Gas Welding.
 - a. No welding / cutting work is to be carried out on /near oil/gas/ chemical / drums etc.
 - b. Fire extinguishing equipment must always be available during welding / cutting work.
 - c. Flammable/ combustible substance must be kept at a safe distance from welding / cutting hot work area.
 - d. Adequate work permit procedure (cut work, cold work permit) should be implemented by the company management prior to start of any hot and cold work.
 - e. Bulk gas storage tank is not allowed to install at berth.

4. Hot Work on Tanker.
 - a. Monitor the potential spill area by a physical observer checking and in case of any spill, all the activities on site to be stopped and evacuation plan to be activated
 - b. Full time gas monitoring in the work area for oxygen and LEL by the fire watch.
 - c. Any time the LEO>1% in the work area, all work to be stopped, area to be evacuated and client to be notified.
 - d. Fire extinguishers need to be provided in all the hot work areas.
 - e. Fire watch with a gas detector to be assigned throughout the working hours.

5. Cold Work on Tanker.
 - a. Monitor the potential spill area, physically observe the tank every hour.
 - b. Full time air monitoring to be performed for oxygen and LEL.
 - c. Stop all the work if LEL exceeds 10% and activate the evacuation procedure.

6. Painting : Painting must be prior approved by marine department.

7. Accident/incident during repair must be informed immediately to Control Tower, Tel. 2228777 or by V.H.F Channel 10 with full details and then full report to be submitted to the office of Harbour Master & Safety Officer, Port of Fujairah.
8. First Aid : A person who has received first aid training with a valid certificate must available all time for emergency with legal first aid tools and medicine.
9. Prohibited disposal:
 - a. It is prohibited to dump or discharge any material / wastes inside harbour or into seawater.
 - b. It is prohibited to discharge waste oil or dump any kind of unwanted or used / spent oils/ chemical waste or their empty cans into berths or into seawater.
 - c. All kind of waste and / or unwanted materials such as garbage, waste papers, waste packing materials, cut pieces of metals or metal chips, grit or sandblast waste, waste water, waste water including overflowing manholes, septic tank are prohibited to discharge into seawater or thrown down.
10. Diving operation
 - a) Permission from the Control tower is required prior diving operation to perform any hull inspection or any submerged part in the port limits.
 - b) Control Tower should be reported prior dive and on completion.
 - c) Diving operation should be effected in accordance with the safety rules and as per H.S requirement and international regulation.
11. Dangerous Operation:

All potentially dangerous operation such as deep opening, higher elevation works and hot works should be controlled by proper work permit procedure. The risk associated with such operations should be evaluated and accordingly proactive safety measures should be adopted by repair company management prior to start of any such operations.

12. Use of portable machine such as compressor / generators etc.. at berths during repair is not allowed.
13. It is not allowed to store or to keep compressed gas cylinder at berths during repair.

Ignorance of these regulations will be considered a reason of imposition of a penalty for violation of this regulation.