

Suao Port Pilotage Operation Regulations

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- 1.** The Suao Port Pilot Office shall at least provide an emergency contact at night to deal with any emergencies or urgent needs regardless there is any inbound or outbound ship.
- 2.** All merchant ships for the entry and departure of Suao Port shall be attended only one ship per the same time slot in principle.
- 3.** The application, communication, embarking, disembarking, and location for pilotage operation shall follow the regulations below:
 - (1)** For the application pilotage to enter or leave the port, the pilot should directly report to the VTS to arrange the sequence via UHF (port service network) after boarding and the captain has completed all the preparations. The inbound application can be made between the pilot boat leaves the port and the pilot has boarded the vessel.
 - (2)** For ships entering the port, the pilot shall board the ship near the pilot station; after testing the maneuverability and rudder for safety, the pilot can proceed to berth. However, in heavy weather, when sea-going is not doable for pilots, with the ship's consent and notification to VTS, the pilot may board inside the breakwater.
 - (3)** For a ship departing the port, the pilot must lead it to the main channel of the outer port. After the captain confirms the safety and reports to the VTS for approval, the pilot can disembark the ship; when the pilot requests to leave the ship, the VTS should immediately inform the vessel status in the port area and the vicinity.
 - (4)** Pilotage operations shall not be performed without the approval of the Suao VTS, and it is strictly prohibited to lead ships to wait near the port without authorization. Ships intending to leave the port must wait in port or the southern waters of the quarantine anchorage in port; ships intending to enter the port must wait at least 1.5 NM away from the entry channel.
 - (5)** When two or more ships apply to enter or leave the port at the same time, the inbound ship the port shall be given priority. Or else, depending on the berth location, navigation area, water area, weather conditions and departure measures, the pilots shall coordinate with each other to ensure the safest and most efficient sequence is followed after consulting with the captain and permission granted by VTS.
 - (6)** The criteria for pilots not being able to embark or suspending the pilotage are based on the meteorological data of the Central Weather Bureau. When the

average wind speed reaches level 7 and the waves are over 3 meters high, the piloting operation will be suspended. After receiving the notice from the pilot, the Office will inform formally the shipping agencies in writing (as referred below: Suao Port Suspension of Pilotage Notice) in addition to the notification via the communication software.

4. Pilotage operation of entry and departure or moves between berths in the port, the pilot should call the tugboat and the unmooring personnel only after the master (or his designated personnel) informs that all preparations have been completed.

5. Ships should sail slowly in the port and refer to the following recommended sailing speed:

- (1) The second harbor basin: the speed should not exceed 6 knots
- (2) The third harbor basin: the speed should not exceed 5 knots