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To: Owners, Masters, Agents and Terminal Operators

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CONDUCT OF VESSELS IN SEVERELY RESTRICTED VISIBILITY WHILE NAVIGATING WITHIN COMPULSORY PILOTAGE DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 59 (c) of Penang Port Commission Act 1955, the Commission makes the following procedures:

When visibility is less than 5 cables (1 km)

1. Pilots shall embark or disembark all vessels with draft of 7 metres or more including pilotage exempted vessels between pilot boarding ground and buoy no.4. Vessels with draft of 7 metres or less may proceed outside of the channel;
2. All vessels shall report to Port Control by VHF Ch. 12 when passing buoy no. 5 and 7. All inbound and outbound movements, including shifting from anchorage to berth shall be reported to Port Control;
3. Movements under penang bridges shall be suspended for vessels of 600 GT and above;
4. Vessels and terminals are required to turn on the deck lights or flood lights at all times; and
5. Vessels intended to cross the channel are required to seek permission from the Port Control.

In addition to the above,

If visibility further deteriorated to less than 1 cable (200m)

1. All marine traffic shall be suspended unless permitted by the Commission; and
2. Movements of marine traffic will be coordinated from the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC).

Please be guided accordingly, thank you.

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(CAPT. SYAHRIL AKMAR BIN SUID)
for General Manager
Penang Port Commission