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VESSELS NAVIGATING UNDER THE RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS) LINK BRIDGE AT WOODLANDS

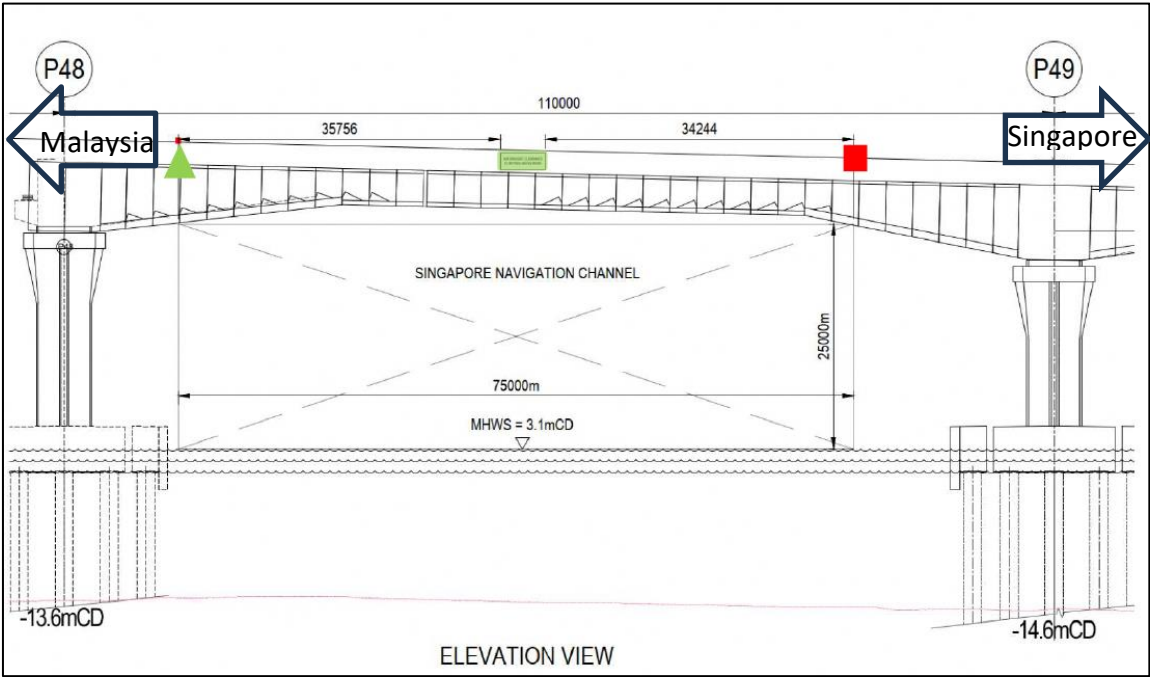
1. The RTS linking Johor and Singapore in the East Johor Strait is completed. A navigational channel within Singapore Port Limits (Singapore Channel) has been designated. It is 75 metres wide, located between Pier 48 and Pier 49, and marked with Marine Aids to Navigation (AtoNs). The height of the bridge over this channel is 25 metres above Mean High-Water Spring (MHWS). A bridge elevation is shown in **Appendix 1**.
2. Pursuant to regulation 29A of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Port) Regulations ("Port Regulations"), with effect from 1 August 2026 (0000 hours), vessels whose height¹ exceeds 23 metres or whose beam exceeds 15 metres are not permitted to transit under the RTS Link Bridge via the Singapore Channel. The transit requirements are set out in **Appendix 2**.
3. Vessels transiting under the RTS Link Bridge via the Singapore Channel shall comply with the passage timings in **Appendix 3** and obtain channel clearance from Sembawang Control on VHF Channel 21.
4. Marine AtoNs (Mounted on the outer face of the viaduct's parapet wall) and signage fitted on the Singapore side of the RTS Link Bridge are as set out in **Appendix 4**.

Charts and Publications

5. For corrections to nautical charts and publications, mariners are advised to refer to the latest monthly Singaporean Notices to Mariners, which will be available at <https://www.mpa.gov.sg>.
6. Please contact Port Operation Control Centre at DID +65 6325 2493 / +65 6325 2494 or Email to pocc@mpa.gov.sg, for any further clarifications.

¹ The height of vessel referred to in this circular is the height of the vessel measured vertically from the waterline of the vessel to the highest point of the vessel, including its cargo, structure or equipment on board.

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VESSEL SIZE RESTRICTIONS AND TRANSIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Pursuant to regulation 29A of the Port Regulations, with effect from 1 August 2026 (0000 hours), no person may cause or permit a vessel to pass under the RTS Link Bridge except in accordance with the conditions set out in the Fifth Schedule of the Port Regulations, as reproduced below:

Name of Bridge	Max. Height of Vessel in metres	Max. Beam of Vessel in metres	Part of Bridge Where Vessel May Pass Under	Other Restrictions
Rapid Transit System (RTS) Link Bridge at Woodlands	23	15	Between Piers 48 and 49, as marked with aids to navigation	(1) Vessel to pass under bridge only during such times as may be specified by the Port Master; (2) Any other restrictions as may be necessary for safe navigation that may be specified by the Port Master.

2. Passage through the Singapore Channel and under the RTS Link Bridge is strictly limited to vessels with a height of 23 metres or less and a beam of 15 metres or less.

3. Vessels intending to transit under the RTS Link Bridge must, before doing so, call Sembawang Control on VHF Channel 21 to seek channel clearance. When doing so, the vessel shall provide Sembawang Control with all of the following information:

- (a) name of vessel;
- (b) height;
- (c) beam;
- (d) whether vessel is under tow;
- (e) current location; and
- (f) intended location.

4. If channel clearance is granted, the Master of the vessel shall comply with all of the following conditions:

- (a) the vessel shall approach and proceed under the RTS Link Bridge at a safe speed not exceeding 8 knots, consistent with safe navigation; and
- (b) where the vessel is under tow, the Master of the vessel shall ensure that at least two suitable tugs are in attendance.

Appendix 3

TIMINGS FOR WESTBOUND AND EASTBOUND PASSAGE IN NAVIGATION CHANNEL

Every vessel transiting under the bridge shall only do so according to the times given below:

WESTBOUND VESSEL	EASTBOUND VESSEL
0000 - 0020	0030 - 0050
0100 - 0120	0130 - 0150
0200 - 0220	0230 - 0250
0300 - 0320	0330 - 0350
0400 - 0420	0430 - 0450
0500 - 0520	0530 - 0550
0600 - 0620	0630 - 0650
0700 - 0720	0730 - 0750
0800 - 0820	0830 - 0850
0900 - 0920	0930 - 0950
1000 - 1020	1030 - 1050
1100 - 1120	1130 - 1150
1200 - 1220	1230 - 1250
1300 - 1320	1330 - 1350
1400 - 1420	1430 - 1450
1500 - 1520	1530 - 1550
1600 - 1620	1630 - 1650
1700 - 1720	1730 - 1750
1800 - 1820	1830 - 1850
1900 - 1920	1930 - 1950
2000 - 2020	2030 - 2050
2100 - 2120	2130 - 2150
2200 - 2220	2230 - 2250
2300 - 2320	2330 - 2350

Appendix 4

a) Marine AtoNs (Mounted on the outer face of the viaduct's parapet wall)

Light character	Flashing Green or Red Lights with specific light characters, (FL G 2s (Sync) or FL R 2s (Sync))
Nominal Range	3 nautical miles

(b) Signage

- To starboard: a panel showing a solid green equilateral triangle point upwards,
- To port: a panel showing a solid red square,
- Best point of passage: a panel showing a circle with white and red vertical

Other Lights and Signage

- (a) Fixed Pier Perimeter lights (Around fenders of Piers 48 (4 nos.) and 49 (6 nos.)) to mark the footing of the piers.
- (b) Signage Board: The height restriction signage board will be mounted on the outer face of the viaduct's parapet wall: "Air Draught Clearance 23 Metres Above Mean High-Water Spring (MHWS)