



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR
No. 4 of 2000

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Shipping Community
Harbour Craft Community

**PROHIBITION OF LINE-TOWED BARGES AT NIGHT IN THE WESTERN
SECTOR**

1 This is a reminder to the shipping and harbour craft communities on the prohibition of line tows stipulated in Port Marine Circular No. 7 of 1999, issued on 4 Feb 99.

2 Line-towed barges are slow and not easy to manoeuvre. Also, they are not easily identified by other vessels, particularly at night or in restricted visibility. Hence they pose a navigational hazard at night. To enhance safety of navigation, line-towed barging is prohibited in the western sector from 1900 hours to 0630 hours, with effect from 1st Jun 2000. Please see attached chartlet indicating the prohibited area.

3 The tug and barge operators are encouraged to use self-propelled or composite unit (pusher tug/barge). Tugs and barges used as composite units must be certified as "integral tug/barge system" by the approved classification societies.

4 Former Port Marine Circular No. 7 of 1999 is hereby cancelled.

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