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REVISION TO THE “GATE SYSTEM” FOR LICENSING OF PORT LIMIT BUNKER TANKERS

The “Gate System” for licensing of port limit bunker tankers was implemented on 1 Jan 2005. It underscores Singapore’s efforts in minimizing the risk of marine pollution by setting age limits and other conditions for the issuance of new Harbour Craft Licence for Bunkering. Over the years, the “Gate System” has been reviewed as an instrumental tool in MPA’s drive towards maintaining a young, efficient and environmentally-friendly fleet of bunker tankers operating in the Port of Singapore. This is especially important as the international maritime community moves towards lower emission limits and green shipping.

2 In our continual efforts towards fleet renewal to safeguard the environment, MPA will enhance the “Gate System” for licensing of port limit bunker tankers by imposing an entry age limit of less than 10 years for vessels 600 DWT and above with effect from **1 January 2012**. In addition, with effect from **1 January 2014**, port limit bunker tankers of 30 years old and above will not be allowed to operate in the Port of Singapore. These new requirements will better manage the navigational, operational and environmental risks within the port.

3 The details of the revised “Gate System” for licensing of port limit bunker tankers are illustrated in Appendix 1.

4 All bunker craft owners and operators are to ensure that their bunker tankers adhere to the Standards for Port Limit Bunker Tankers and the requirements of the “Gate System”. Please contact our officers at 6375 1959 or 6375 1953 if you need any clarification.

5 The Port Marine Circular No. 3 of 2008 will be cancelled with effect from 1 Jan 2012.

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DWT of Tanker	Existing Harbour Craft Licence (Bunker Tanker)	New Harbour Craft Licence (Bunker Tanker)
Below 600 DWT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non double-hulled bunker tankers of 25 years and above will not be allowed to carry HGO in port. • Bunker tankers of 30 years and above will not be allowed to operate in port. (with effect from 1 Jan 2014) 	Less than 5 years old
600 DWT & above		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 10 years old (with effect from 1 Jan 2012) • Subject to and comply with all MARPOL requirements, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Regulation 19 of MARPOL Annex I ✓ Regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI

Footnote:

- Regulation 19 of MARPOL Annex I sets double hull and double bottom requirements for oil tankers delivered on or after 6 Jul 1996.
- Regulation 13 of MARPOL Annex VI sets requirements for the control of NOx emissions from ships – diesel engine with a power output of more than 130 kW installed on a ship constructed, or which undergoes a major conversion, on or after 1 Jan 2000.