



## MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

### PORT MARINE CIRCULAR NO. 09 OF 2015

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Shipping Community

### MEASURES TO OPTIMISE ANCHORAGE USAGE IN THE SINGAPORE PORT

1. As Singapore port continues to grow, there is a need to optimise anchorage usage and encourage “just in time” arrival to enhance efficiency of the port. Looking ahead and keeping in mind the future development of Tuas Port, we will need to introduce measures in a timely manner to prioritise usage of our anchorages, while ensuring that navigational safety within our anchorages is maintained. As a first step, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will be introducing a 36 hour limit on anchorage stay for vessels without activity<sup>1</sup>.
2. With effect from 01 October 2015, vessels are discouraged from staying more than 36 hours in the anchorages without activity. Vessels that stay beyond 36 hours without a valid reason may be directed to leave port.
3. The limit on anchorage stay will not apply to the following categories of vessels, given the nature of their operations:
  - MPA licensed harbour / pleasure craft
  - Salvage vessels under the Salvage Vessels 12-Month Port Dues Scheme
  - Offshore support vessels that enjoy Category 4 Port Dues For Approved Offshore Support Vessels
4. The duration of anchorage stay will be counted as starting from the pilot disembarkation time (for piloted vessels) or reported anchored time (for vessels with pilotage exemption) and will be applicable for each distinct anchorage visit. Vessels moving from one anchorage to another will not be counted as making distinct visits.
5. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to the following officers:
  - a. Capt Andy Chew at DID (65) 6325 2472
  - b. Capt Chong Jia Chyuan at DID (65) 6773 7408

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<sup>1</sup> Refers to vessels that are **only idling, waiting for berth, or waiting for orders**. This does not include vessels that carry out activities (e.g. carrying out repairs, taking bunker, de-slopping) while waiting for berth or waiting for orders.

c. Capt Dilshad Ahmad at DID (65) 6325 2419

and / or the MPA Marine Safety Control Centre at DID (65) 6325 2488 / 2489.

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