



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

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Shipping Community
Harbour Craft Community
Pleasure Craft Community

CONDUCT OF HARBOUR CRAFT DURING REDUCED VISIBILITY IN THE PORT OF SINGAPORE

1 Visibility in the Port of Singapore may be affected due to prolonged haze or other environmental factors. In the interest of safety of navigation and life at sea, the Port Master may restrict the movement of harbour craft in the port waters during reduced visibility conditions.

2 Owner/master and operators of harbour craft will be duly notified to suspend harbour craft movements if the state of visibility reduces to less than 0.25 nautical miles.

3 The Port Master may grant exemptions for harbour craft engaged in providing essential services in port. The requests for such exemptions can be directed to the Marine Safety Control Centre at Tel: 63252488/ 63252489 or (email: pms @ mpa.gov.sg)

4 Owner/master and operators of harbour craft will also be duly notified when the restriction on harbour craft movements is lifted (when the state of visibility increases to more than 0.25 nautical miles).

5 Any queries relating to this notice should be directed to Capt Dilshad Ahmad (Tel: 63252419).

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MOM's GUIDELINES FOR THE PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEES AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF HAZE AT WORKPLACES – updated 7 Jul 2013

(<http://mom.gov.sg/Documents/press-releases/2013/Annex%20A-Media%20Release%20-%20Haze%20Guidelines.pdf>)

24-Hour PSI Reading	Measures to be taken by employer	Measures to be taken by Employees
51– 100 (moderate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify susceptible employees • Identify types of outdoor work to be reduced when there is haze • Determine criteria for stopping outdoor work • Ensure sufficient stock of suitable respirators • Improve efficiency of air cleaning devices for enhanced protection of indoor workers • Implement haze communication system between employer and employees. • Communicate to employees on measures taken to protect their safety and health during haze 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees carrying out outdoor work to undergo respirator fit testing
101-200 (unhealthy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise prolonged or strenuous outdoor work for healthy employees. • Minimise prolonged outdoor work for elderly or pregnant employees. • Avoid all outdoor work for employees with chronic lung disease, heart disease, or stroke. If outdoor work is unavoidable, they should be provided with suitable respirators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susceptible employees must use suitable respirators if working outdoor
201-300 (very unhealthy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid prolonged or strenuous outdoor work for healthy employees. If prolonged and strenuous outdoor work is unavoidable, they should be provided with suitable respirators. • Avoid all outdoor work for elderly or pregnant employees. If prolonged outdoor work is unavoidable, they should be provided with suitable respirators. • Avoid all outdoor work for employees with chronic lung disease, heart disease, or stroke. If outdoor work is unavoidable, they should be provided with suitable respirators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees carrying out prolonged and strenuous outdoor work should use suitable respirators • Susceptible employees should work indoor, preferably doing work which is not physically strenuous.
>300 (hazardous)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimise all outdoor work for healthy employees. If outdoor work is unavoidable, they should be provided with suitable respirators. • Avoid all outdoor work for elderly or pregnant employees. If outdoor work is unavoidable, they should be provided with suitable respirators. • Avoid all outdoor work for employees with chronic lung disease, heart disease, or stroke. If outdoor work is unavoidable, they should be provided with suitable respirators. • Risk assessment should be consider the additional risk posed by poor visibility for work activities such as lifting operations involving tower and mobile cranes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employees carrying out outdoor work should wear suitable respirators • Susceptible employees should remain indoors and avoid strenuous work