



MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE

PORT MARINE CIRCULAR
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Shipping Community
Harbour Craft Community
Pleasure Craft Community

BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN FOR HAZE

1. The Meteorological Service Singapore has forecasted warmer and drier conditions for Singapore and the region in the coming months up to October 2023 which can potentially lead to a haze situation. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) encourages all maritime communities, especially those with workers performing outdoor work to maintain a business continuity plan for haze.
2. MPA advises all maritime companies to monitor the PSI level through the media and the National Environmental Agency's (NEA) Haze website (www.haze.gov.sg), keep at least a **one-week supply of N95 masks** for workers especially those who work outdoors, and observe the Ministry of Manpower's (MOM) Haze guidelines and advisory for work which can be found on their website (www.mom.gov.sg/haze). The latter include guidelines to ensure that stocks of N95 masks are periodically inspected, remain serviceable, and not expired.
3. The visibility in the Singapore Strait and port waters could be significantly reduced in the event of haze. During periods of restricted visibility, shipmasters are advised to keep a proper lookout and navigate with caution. They are also advised to comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and in particular Rule No. 19, Rule No. 20 and Rule 35 concerning conduct of vessels in restricted visibility, exhibition of navigation lights and sound signals in restricted visibility, respectively.
4. In the interest of safety of navigation and life at sea, the Port Master may restrict the movement of harbour craft and pleasure craft in the port waters during reduced visibility conditions.

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