

# PORT MARINE SAFETY CODE POLICY

All Harbour Authorities are accountable for managing marine operations within the Port, safely and efficiently. The aim of the Port Marine Safety Code (PMSC) is that all Ports in the United Kingdom should, within their jurisdiction, apply nationally agreed standards for the safety of marine operations. These national standards are represented by the code itself.

This aim is achieved through the implementation of a Marine Safety Management System (MSMS) based on formal risk assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to ensure that all risks within the marine operation are identified and reduced to a level that is tolerable and as low as reasonably practicable.

The Port of Blyth is fully committed to providing a safe environment for all persons within its harbour limits. MSMS has been formulated in such a way as to embrace all of the concepts and standards of both the Port Marine Safety Code and the Guide to Good Practise (GTGP), as well as the associated management systems of ISO 9001, 14001, 45001. A formal risk assessment was undertaken and a MSMS introduced following the findings.

The MSMS is audited every year by the 'Designated Person' and every three years by an external auditor in line with the recommendations of the Port Marine Safety Code

The Port of Blyth Board of Commissioners are collectively known as the 'Duty Holder' and are responsible as defined in the Port Marine Safety Code.

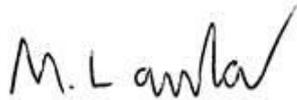
The role of the 'Designated Person' is carried out by the Ports Health and Safety Manager, meeting the criteria as set out in the GTGP. The health and safety manager has direct unrestricted access to the 'Duty Holder'

The 'Duty Holder' is dedicated to the continued development of a modern and highly efficient Port Facility that seeks to provide value to all its stakeholders. In fulfilling this aim the Duty Holder are committed to the maintenance of the appropriate levels of safety and environmental protection in all areas of its operation. It is the belief of the Duty Holder that this commitment is best achieved through the implementation of the Port of Blyth MSMS.

The Duty Holder are committed to:

- the continued development and promotion of a culture of safety within all areas of operation within the Port
- the provision of adequate resources to ensure the safe and efficient operation of its systems, policies and procedures
- the provision of adequate resource to allow the Marine Department to manage commercial pressures and to carry out their duties efficiently and safely
- the provision of high-quality training programmes
- the promotion of safety as one of the important responsibilities of all employees and stakeholders

Signed for on behalf of the Board of Commissioners as 'Duty Holders' under the Port Marine Safety Code



Martin Lawlor

Chief Executive

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