

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO SHIPPING**  
**IJmond North Sea Canal Area**  
**Central Nautical Management**

Announcement No. 7/2022 Amsterdam, 10 January 2022

Subject: Decree designating seagoing pontoons as a special transport in the Central Nautical Management (CNB) area

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area announces the following:

Decree 2021/54 enters into force with effect from 27-12-2021. The Decree means that pontoons in the North Sea Canal Area, coming from and going to sea, are designated as a special transport for which additional regulations are set. Every special transport requires a permit for special transport in accordance with Article 1.21 of the Inland Navigation Police Regulations. The permit must be requested from the Port Office of the Port of Amsterdam.

The permit contains regulations under which seagoing pontoons may pass through the North Sea Canal area, including the lock complex at IJmuiden.

If seagoing pontoons are not provided with a qualified crew as required by the *Wet Zeevarenden* (Seafarers Act), use must be made of boatmen from recognised boatmen's organisations for safe mooring and unmooring.

In case of compulsory pilotage, the pilot may pilot the pontoon from the 'leading tug'; the use of a stern tug is mandatory for lock passage.

The tugs must have sufficient bollard pull, manoeuvrability and manoeuvring power to steer the pontoon safely and smoothly through the locks, waterways and harbour basins of the CNB area.

Strict regulations have been laid down for the embarkation and disembarkation of boatmen; strict regulations have also been laid down for the tugs that are to be used. If safety so requires and/or if circumstances dictate so, the Director of Central Nautical Management may impose ad hoc additional requirements.

Announcement No. 21/2019 will be cancelled with the entry into force of Decree 2021/54.

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, who is also the (State) Harbour Master,

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