

About EHS Ports & Maritime Section

EHS - Ports & Maritime Section came into existence on 11th April 1999 with clear goals to achieve safe and environmentally clean Ports & Maritime Industries in the Emirate of Dubai in line with applicable International, Federal and Local Regulations and Standards. This Section has grown strong and diverse to achieve its goal. Ports & Maritime Section have achieved the distinction of being the first such inspectorate to be formed in the Emirate of Dubai, to achieve safe Ports & Maritime Industries and to develop a sound foundation at the grass root level of the safety culture. Ports & Maritime Section has adopted the methodology of Triple-E. Engineering the System, Education (Training) and Enforcement (Implementation).

1. What is the Jurisdictions of EHS - Ports & Maritime Section?

EHS - Ports & Maritime Section regulates Port Operations and Maritime Industries to enforce Health, Safety & Environmental Protection compliances within PCFC Jurisdictional areas, not limited to;

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| i. Port Jebel Ali. | vii. Umm Suqeim 2 Marina. |
| ii. Port Rashid. | viii. Jumeirah Marina. |
| iii. Port Hamriya. | ix. Port Rashid Marina. |
| iv. Dubai Maritime City. | x. Port Hamriyah Marina. |
| v. Dubai Harbour. | xi. Dubai Wharfage. |
| vi. Umm Suqeim 1 Marina. | xii. Al Marfa – Creek. |

2. What are the Inspection types which EHS - Ports & Maritime Section Undertakes?

- i. General Ship Inspection.
- ii. Ship Repair Inspection.
- iii. Marine Facility Inspection.
- iv. Marine Operation Approval Inspection.
- v. Container Inspection.
- vi. Bunker Vehicle Inspection.
- vii. Bunker Vessel Inspection.
- viii. Pollution Control Inspections.
- ix. Accident Investigation.

3. What are EHS- Ports & Maritime Section Functions in Ports?

- i. Regulation Development.
- ii. Performing Regulatory Inspections.
- iii. Clearance for Ports & Maritime Operational Activities.
- iv. Third Party Agencies Prequalification.
- v. Safety Awareness.
- vi. Incident Investigation & Emergency Response.

4. How to Obtain EHS - Ports & Maritime Section Regulations / Procedures/ Forms/Circulars/Third Party Agencies?

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5. What are the Service Categories for Approved Third Party Agencies?

- i. Ship Survey.
- ii. Ship Repair.
- iii. Ship Specialized Services.
- iv. Commercial Diving.
- v. Bunker Supply.
- vi. Hazmat Operations.
- vii. Shipchandlers.

6. When EHS - Ports & Maritime Section Container Inspection Report is required to be obtained?

- i. Leaking Container.
- ii. Auction Container.
- iii. Destruction Containers.
- iv. Hazardous Cargo Cross-Stuffing / De-Stuffing / Cross Pumping Operations

7. What are EHS - Ports & Maritime Section Requirements for Dangerous Goods?

- i. Compliance with Port Regulation for [Dangerous Goods PM-11.0](#)
- ii. Compliance with [Port Circulars](#).

- iii. Compliance with Code of Practice for the Management of Dangerous Goods in the Emirates of Dubai.
- iv. Compliance with IMDG Code.
- v. Obtain EHS NOC for Dangerous Cargo Acceptance in Port in line with [Procedure EHS-PM-CP-02](#).

8. What are EHS - Ports & Maritime Section Requirements for Ballast Discharge?

- i. Compliance with Port Regulation for [Ships Ballast Water Management PM-10.0](#).
- ii. Compliance with Port Circulars.
- iii. Obtain EHS NOC for Ballast Water Discharge in line with [Procedure EHS-PM-CP-02](#).

9. What are the Restricted Cargo Entering Dubai Ports?

Cargoes, which are declared restricted from Dubai Customs or Security Industry Regulatory Authority.

10. What are the Activities Banned within Ports Limits?

Not Limited To;

- i. Hull Cleaning.
- ii. Spray Painting.

- iii. Blasting.
- iv. Under Water Welding.
- v. Lifeboat Manoeuvring.
- vi. Open Deck Washing (Except Cruise Vessels & Yachts).
- vii. Incineration.
- viii. Inerting or Purging.
- ix. Sewage Discharge (Including Grey Water) Even if Treated.
- x. Emitting Black Smoke
- xi. Any Acts which may lead to contamination of Port Environment.

For More Information, refer to [Restricted Activities Port Regulation PM-13.0](#) and [Procedure EHS-PM-CP-02](#)

11. What is the Procedure for Reporting Marine Accidents or Vessel Equipment and Machinery Malfunctioning or Failure?

- i. Vessels calling or operating within Dubai Ports and Maritime Areas falls under Ports Customs & Free Zone Corporation - EHS Jurisdiction, and have to report Marine Accidents or Vessel Equipment and Machinery Malfunctioning or Failure to the Port Authority, in line with EHS Ports & Maritime Section [Procedure EHS-PM-CP-07](#). Reporting must be in ample time prior to the entry of the port limits and immediately in case of such occurrences during navigation in port limits or during the vessel stay at the port. (Refer to [Circular PM 03-2019](#)).
- ii. Obtain EHS NOC for Vessel Acceptance in Port in line with [Procedure EHS-PM-CP-02](#).

12. What is the Procedure for Obtaining Port Health Clearance for Vessels Arriving Dubai Ports?

- i. Refer to [Circular PM 03-2020. Procedure for Obtaining Port Health Clearance for Vessels Arriving Dubai Ports.](#)
- ii. Obtain EHS NOC for Vessel Acceptance in Port in line with [Procedure EHS-PM-CP-02.](#)

13. What is the Procedure for Obtaining Exceptional NOC for External and Overseas Companies?

Refer to Procedure [EHS-PM-CP-01 - Customer Procedure for Prequalification of Third Party Agencies](#) (Ports & Maritime).

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14. What are the EHS - Ports & Maritime Section Ports & Maritime Section Office Working Timing and Contacts?

Office Working Timing

Monday – Thursday (from 730 – 1530 Hrs);

Friday (0730 – 1200 Hrs).

15. How to Contact Us?

Email Addresses:

- EHS.Ports@pcfc.ae (For General Operational Inquires)
- EHSPorts.PreQualification@pcfc.ae (For Third Party Agencies Prequalification Inquires)
- EHS.LCA@pcfc.ae (For Container Inspection Inquires)

Telephone:

- Landline: +971-488-118-81
- Mobile: +971-566-569-813 (For Emergency Contact Only)

Office Location

- Jebel Ali Free Zone: Behind Fire Station, Gate No.3, Jebel Ali.
- Coordinates (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/eJHEKTHW31eAz9n8A>)