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Port Services Act 1995

NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO MAKE A TOWAGE REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION

Under section 73C of the **Port Services Act 1995**, Port of Melbourne Corporation hereby gives notice of a proposal to make a towage requirements determination under section 73B of that Act.

The proposed form and content of the determination are set out below.

Under section 73D of the **Port Services Act 1995**, any person who is likely to be affected by the proposed determination may make a written submission to the Port of Melbourne Corporation about the determination.

Submissions must be made within three weeks from the date of publication of this notice and must be delivered or posted to the Port of Melbourne Corporation at its office at Level 4, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3001. Submissions should be marked to the attention of Glenn Santos, Marine Manager, Planning and Projects.

Proposed Form and Content of Towage Requirements Determination

TOWAGE REQUIREMENTS DETERMINATION

Division 2 of Part 4A of the Port Services Act 1995

PORT OF MELBOURNE

Under section 73B of the **Port Services Act 1995**, Port of Melbourne Corporation makes the following towage requirements determination:

Determination Period

The provisions of this towage requirements determination operate for a period of 2 years from _____ [start date] until _____ [end date] ('the determination period').

Definitions

In this towage requirements determination –

- (a) **tier 1 towage vessel** means a towage vessel with a certified bollard pull of 43 tonnes or more;
- (b) **tier 2 towage vessel** means a towage vessel with a certified bollard pull of 5 tonnes or more and less than 43 tonnes;
- (c) **towage service** has the meaning given to that term in section 73A of the **Port Services Act 1995**; and
- (d) **towage vessel** has the meaning given to that term in section 73A of the **Port Services Act 1995**.

Minimum Number and Minimum Capacity of Towage Vessels

The minimum number of towage vessels required to be provided by notified towage service providers during the determination period and the minimum capacity of those towage vessels are –

- (a) two tier 1 towage vessels that have a combined certified bollard pull of at least 85 tonnes ('smaller tier 1 towage vessels');
- (b) two further tier 1 towage vessels that have a combined certified bollard pull of at least 135 tonnes ('larger tier 1 towage vessels'); and
- (c) one tier 2 towage vessel.

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Minimum Requirements for Towage Vessels

The minimum requirements necessary for towage vessels for the purpose of section 73B(1)(d) of the **Port Services Act 1995** are –

- (a) Tier 1 towage vessels must be less than 30m in length, be low profile, have azimuth stern drive or equivalent and be fitted with an Automatic Identification System;
- (b) All larger tier 1 towage vessels must be fitted with fire fighting capabilities equivalent to the international FiFi 1 standard; and
- (c) All towage vessels must be fit for purpose, must be kept and maintained in good working order at all times, and must comply with all applicable legislative requirements including, but not limited to, those requirements imposed by or under the **Marine Act 1988**.

Availability Required for Towage Vessels

During the determination period –

- (a) Tier 1 towage vessels must be available for the provision of towage services to vessels of 5000 gross tonnes or over;
 - (b) Tier 2 towage vessels must be available for the provision of towage services to vessels of under 5000 gross tonnes;
 - (c) Two larger tier 1 towage vessels must be available for the provision of towage services (including emergency response) 24 hours per day on all days of the year; and
 - (d) Two smaller tier 1 towage vessels must be available for the provision of towage services, subject to a 2 hour notice period, following a request by the Harbour Master of the Port of Melbourne that any such services be provided.
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