

VHF PROCEDURES**Sectors:**

COTONOU VTS Zone consists of 1 Sector:
 COTONOU TRAFFIC VHF CH. 16
 VTS Zone extends 20 miles from VTS Centre.
 When transiting the system, or when anchored
 within Port Limits, all vessels must maintain watch
 on VHF CH. 16.

REPORTS**PRE-ENTRY REPORTS****24 hours before entry**

(48 hours if ETA is Sunday or Public Holiday).

TO: COTONOU TRAFFIC

GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS:
 Alpha, Bravo, Hotel, Papa.

VIA: MF 2182, Telex 5004 DIRPORT
 or other means.

BEFORE ENTRY

TO: Cotonou Traffic

GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS:
 ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, OSCAR,
 PAPA.

VIA: MF 2182 or VHF CH. 16.

PILOTAGE

1. Pilotage is compulsory for all ships entering and leaving the port, and for vessels for more than 100 tonnes moving in the port. Exempted vessels are:
 - (a) Warships
 - (b) Port service craft
 - (c) Hydrographic and oceanography research vessels
2. Pilotage area includes: dock within breakwaters and circular area radius one mile centred on pierhead of West dyke.
3. Pilot service operates every day, 24 hours. Maximum draft 33 feet (10 metres). Maximum length 230 metres.
4. Pilot boarding area is 0.9 nm South of Fairway buoy (see Page COO 2).
5. When leaving harbour, or moving in harbour, permission should be obtained from Harbour Master at least 3 hours in advance, and before 17.00 for night movements.

Call VHF Ch.12.