

**PILOTAGE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Vessels with a draught exceeding 17.40 metres  
MUST NOT enter the Eurochannel without a Pilot on board.

2. Pilotage is COMPULSORY for sea-going vessels over 60 metres in length (70 metres from sea to Europoort, and Europoort to sea) and ALL vessels carrying dangerous goods, the penalties for not carrying a Pilot are:

PRISON - UP TO TWO MONTHS (MAX)  
FINE - UP TO D.FL. 10,000 (MAX)  
PLUS - FULL PILOT DUES

3. Pilotage is COMPULSORY for shifting a vessel, except along the same wharf over a short distance.

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**DEEP DRAUGHT VESSELS ONLY** (17.40m or more).  
At least 48 hours before arrival EUROGEUL APPROACH (52°00'N 03°00'E).

TO: HCC/PILOT VTS ROTTERDAM  
GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Hotel, India, Juliet, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Tango, Uniform (length over all), X-ray  
VIA: OSTEND RADIO or Telex 26751 DIRK.NL  
NOTE: Include ETA at Rendezvous in India

**ALL OTHER VESSELS**  
**At least 6 hours before arrival** at Maascentre Buoy or  
**At least 3 hours before arrival** at Maascentre Buoy for ships at anchor in Anchorages 4 or 5.

TO: HCC/Pilot VTS ROTTERDAM  
GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS: Alpha, Delta, India, Juliet, Oscar, Quebec  
VIA: PCH or TELEX 26751NL or VHF CH 01 Maas Approach (relayed to Pilot)  
NOTE: Include ETA at Maascentre Buoy in India

**3 hours before arrival**  
TO: MAAS APPROACH (relayed to Pilot)  
GIVING: IMO SRS ITEMS: Alpha, Delta, India, Quebec  
VIA: VHF CH 01  
NOTE: Include ETA at Maascentre Buoy in India