

SHORE BASED PILOTAGE (SBP)

If pilotage has to be suspended, which will normally happen when the sea conditions make boarding by tender or helicopter hazardous, Shore Based Pilotage can be provided. Instructions will be given until the ship is inside the breakwaters, where the pilot will board.

Shore-based pilotage is provided only when:

- required and accepted by the master of the vessel;
- allowed by the Harbour Master or his representative;
- the pilot rendering the shore-based pilotage considers it possible.

Shore-based pilotage is only available between the normal pilotage boarding position at Maas Centre buoy and the Maas Entrance off the Traffic Centre Hook of Holland (51° 58.9'N 004° 06.8'E).

No service will be rendered to:

1. Large vessels with a draft over 14.30 metres;
2. Vessels which, in view of their condition, are required by the competent authority to use an on-board pilot;
3. Vessels that are incapable of adequate communications;
4. Vessels for which it is determined, or has been determined, that SBP can not be used safely;
5. Tankers with a length exceeding 125 metres;
6. Tankers with a length of less than 125 metres which are carrying dangerous goods in bulk corresponding to IMO classes 2, 6 and 3 (flammable liquids whose lower flash is equal to, or less than, 55° Celsius, and where such liquids are immiscible with water at all ratios);
7. If the captain does not have an adequate knowledge of Dutch or English and if he has not called in at Rotterdam an average of at least twelve times over the previous two years (of which at least 6 times must be during the last year);
8. Vessels departing to sea with a length exceeding 125 metres and/or with a draft exceeding 9 metres;
9. Vessels which it is reasonable to assume could be piloted by helicopter under the above mentioned conditions.

NOTE 1: Inbound vessels with a length exceeding 125 metres and/or a draft exceeding 9 metres acceptable for shore-based pilotage should be aware that the entry time depends on the prevailing hydrological and meteorological conditions.

NOTE 2: Each vessel can be (temporarily) excluded from shore-based pilotage (particularly ships over 170 metres and/or a draft exceeding 9 metres).