

SHANNON FOYNES PORT COMPANY

NOTICE TO MARINERS

NOTICE NO. 6 OF 2026

(Marine Notice No. 8 of 2025 is replaced)

SHANNON ESTUARY

Notification of Planned Vessel Arrivals / ETA Updates / Use of Designated Anchorage

Statutory Instrument 573 of 2010 refers.

Vessel Agents, Masters and Operators are reminded of the necessity to both comply with the requirements of S.I. 573 of 2010 above and provide accurate and timely ETA updates to ensure that traffic in the Shannon Estuary can be safely and efficiently managed.

The mandatory reporting requirements for any vessel due to the Shannon Estuary are as follows;

- (i). At least 24hrs in advance.
- (ii). Where the voyage time is less than 24hrs, at the least, at the time the ship leaves the previous port.
- (iii). Where the port of call is not known or is changed during the voyage, as soon as this information is available.

Vessels that do not comply with the above mandatory reporting requirements as per the Regulations will not be allowed to enter Port Limits. This also excludes the use of the designated anchorage.

Once pre-Arrivals information is uploaded to the SafeSeasIreland portal, the vessel will be added to the SFPC CargoPro system.

Any changes to planned ETA should be notified to Marine Operations / Duty Harbour Master to ensure that the CargoPro system is accurate and up-to-date.

Where vessels are not proceeding directly to a berth, such information allows for the safe and efficient management of the designated anchorage positions to the west and east of Scattery Island.

Departing Vessels – Request to Anchor

Vessels departing from any facility in the Estuary and looking to proceed to one of the designated anchorage positions must receive prior approval for same. At a minimum, this request must be received when pilotage is being booked for departure.

Available anchorages will be prioritised for vessels that are inbound to the Estuary.

Vessels that do not request permission to proceed to the anchorage in a timely manner will not be allowed to do so and will be instructed to continue to sea.

Further information is available via Marine Operations (069 – 73103) or the Duty Harbour Master (087 – 2542266).

Signed

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