REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COMPULSORY PILOTAGE

VESSEL PARTICULARS			
Name and Type of Vessel:			
Port of Registry:	Owners:		
Local Agent:	Draft:	Length:	Breadth:
Vessel GRT	Tug & Tow combined tonnage:		

DETAILED ROUTING OF VESSEL		
Plan of Passage	Date of Travel	Distances & Times to be travelled per day
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DECKWATCH OFFICERS			
Name:	Certificate No: Certificate Type: Country of Issue:	Expiry Date:	Fluent in English: Yes No
Describe experience in Belizean waters: Routes covered:			
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We also require the following:

1. Confirmation that the vessel is insured with hull and P. & I. Insurance.
2. A letter from the vessel's underwriters specifically acknowledging that the vessel is at liberty to sail in the region without a pilot and specifically acknowledging and agreeing that should the Belize Port Authority waive compulsory pilotage requirements for the vessel (name of vessel) _____ the underwriter agrees to waive subrogation against the Belize Port Authority and its directors and officers.

It shall be expressly understood that a waiver of pilotage may be granted only when **all** of the following conditions are met.

- The vessel has no defects or deficiencies in crew, safety equipment, propulsion, or navigational apparatus.
- The vessel is safe and seaworthy.
- The vessel has onboard up-to-date and accurate charts of Belize.
- The vessel is not carrying hazardous or dangerous cargo.
- The vessel is neither a tanker nor does the bulk of its cargo consist of petroleum products.
- The master and crew are fully STCW-95 certified and qualified.

• The master and no less than 1/2 of his crew have transited Belizean waters (intended route) no less than 3 times on the vessel during the previous 6 months.

Upon signature of this document, we also acknowledge that any marine occurrence while operating in compulsory pilotage waters will require a written report to the Belize Port Authority. Failure to report could result in a fine of $15,000 as per the *Harbours and Merchant Shipping (Amendment)Act 2007* Section 22(3).

MASTER'S/SHIP'S AGENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Request: approved____ denied____

PORTS COMMISSIONER _____

* Section 53(1) of the Belize Ports Authority Act, Ch 233 revised edition 2003 states that **"The territorial waters of Belize shall be compulsory pilotage waters and all ships other than those excepted under subsection (2), navigating within those waters shall do so under pilotage of a licensed pilot and any failure to take on a pilot shall render the ship liable to a fine of five hundred dollars in addition to the pilotage fee. The fine and the fee shall be levied as charge by the Authority.**