

# Regulations on Tugboat Assignment in Taipei Harbor, Keelung Harbor Bureau

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I These regulations are enacted by Keelung Harbor Bureau (hereinafter called the Bureau) in order to advance the operations of entering and leaving berths in Taipei Harbor (hereinafter called the Harbor), assign tugboats fast and timely, ensure harbor safety and supervise fair and reasonable charges.

II Ocean carriers or masters should directly entrust tugboat operators, who hold a harbor operation license issued by this Harbor, to do the tugboat operation.

## III Principles of Tugboat Assignment

(I) A tugboat with 1600 horse-power should be applied to ships with a gross tonnage of less than 5000; and

(II) A tugboat with 2800 horse-power should be applied to ships with a gross tonnage of more than 5000 and less than 20,000; and

(III) A tugboat with 3200 horse-power should be applied to ships with a gross tonnage of more than 25,000; and

(IV) Two tugboats should be applied to ships with a length of over 140 m and without an athwartship thruster; and

(V) If the assigned tugboats cannot satisfy the tugboat operation when several ships enter and leave, the pilot, master and non-governmental tugboat operators should ask other tugboats for assistance; and

(VI) The tugboat assigned cannot be restricted to the previous principles if the weather is not favorable, the ships have difficulties or have no power or apply for a tugboat to do an emergency rescue.

(VII) Except for Item vi, where non-governmental tugboat operators use a powerful tugboat instead of the original assigned fractional horsepower tugboat, the ships should be charged as if having used a fractional horsepower tugboat.

IV The tugboat operation should be performed with the pilot witnessing it. Ocean carriers or masters should send their application to the tugboat operators and commission Pilot Office to assign a tugboat.

V If the ships apply for no pilots, the ocean carrier or master should send the application to the tugboat operators for the assigning of a tugboat when a tugboat operation is necessary.

VI If the ships, which apply for no pilots, have the need to use tugboats, they should provide themselves with wireless phones at same frequency as the tugboat. And if the master is a foreigner and cannot exchange information easily, the shipping company or its agent should carry an interpreter to board the ship.

VII These regulations will enter into effect as of the date of promulgation.

