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Central Nautical Management

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**Subject: Designation order on implementation regulations
for fuels, additives and energy sources North Sea
Canal Area**

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area, (hereinafter CNB), who is also State Harbour Master and Harbour Master of Amsterdam, announces the following:

The bunkering and debunkering of ammonia, ethanol, methanol, liquefied methane, or liquefied/gaseous hydrogen may pose risks to safety, the efficient use of the port, the port environment and surrounding areas, as well as to the quality of the services. To mitigate such risks, Paragraph 8 of the Regional Port Byelaws for the North Sea Canal Area 2023 includes provisions designed to protect these interests.

In accordance with those regulations, the director of the CNB has designated specific fuels, energy sources and additives as requiring a permit for bunkering and debunkering. Additionally, the director of the CNB is imposing restrictions and conditions on the bunkering and debunkering of these substances. These restrictions and conditions are based on safety studies, which form the basis of a safety framework developed for bunkering and debunkering of fuels or energy sources and for bringing additives on board.

The mandatory safety measures outlined in this framework are incorporated into the permit conditions of the bunkering company, the operational requirements during bunkering, as specified in the bunker checklist and in the designated location in the harbour, which has been assessed against safety criteria, and where bunkering or debunkering can take place.

No work on a vessel's fuel system, energy systems or additive-related installations powered by these fuels, energy sources or additives is permitted without prior approval. To ensure the efficient use of the port and safety and environmental safety, additional safety measures need to be prescribed due to the risks associated with specific fuels, energy sources or additives.

It is further stipulated that mooring alongside a vessel engaged in the bunkering or debunkering of ammonia is strictly prohibited. And those operations must be conducted in compliance with a checklist, attached here as an appendix.

This decree also includes restrictions and conditions regarding the maintenance or modifications to a vessel's fuel system, energy system, or additive-related installations powered by the fuels, energy sources, or additives already mentioned the requirements of a permit for bunkering or debunkering operations, a prohibition on debunkering, simultaneous operations during bunkering and debunkering, vessels moored alongside during bunkering or debunkering operations.

The full decree is available at:

<https://www.portofamsterdam.com/en/announcement/designation-order-implementation-regulations-fuels-additives-and-energy-sources-0>

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