

Decree No. 2025/17

Designation of berth for bunkering methanol

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area

Having regard to:

- Article 1.1 of the Regional Port Byelaws for the North Sea Canal Area 2023
- Article 1.5 of the Regional Port Byelaws for the North Sea Canal Area 2023, which provides that the Mayor and Executive Council may impose regulations and restrictions to safeguard the interests associated with a specific designation
- Article 8.1, Paragraph 2, Item (c) of the Regional Port Regulation North Sea Canal Area 2023, which provides that the Mayor and Executive Council may designate specific berths where the bunkering of a particular fuel is permitted
- the Decree mandating nautical powers to the Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area 2024, issued by the Mayor and Executive Council of the Amsterdam municipality on 9 July 2024 and published on 17 July 2024, on the basis of which the Director of Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area may exercise powers under mandate on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the Amsterdam municipality
- the Operational Space of Berth Designation Decree dated 30 May 2016, reference number 015 / RHN / 2016, and specifically the berth described therein at the Amerikahaven.

Having considered that:

- within the Port of Amsterdam, berths have already been designated for the bunkering of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), in addition to conventional bunker fuels, as indicated on the LNG bunker map
- this designation, published in the 2019 Municipal Gazette of the Municipality of Amsterdam under reference number 102701 dated 30 April 2019, is based on risk assessments and external safety considerations conducted in accordance with the nationally recognised calculation method
- the maritime energy transition is increasingly focused on alternative fuels other than LNG, such as hydrogen, methanol, and ammonia, rendering the existing designation insufficient now
- the report titled “External Safety Study of Bunkering Alternative Fuels for Seagoing Shipping”, prepared by Det Norske Veritas (Report No. 10246009-1, Rev. 1, dated 19 April 2021), addresses the external safety aspects of these alternative fuels in addition to LNG
- the LNG bunker map is currently being converted into a comprehensive port-wide bunker map to include all alternative fuels, although this process has not yet been finalised at the time of this decision
- a formal request has been received to permit methanol bunkering at a specific berth in the Amerikahaven
- according to the DNV report, no vulnerable sites, sensitive locations, or highly vulnerable buildings exist within a radius of 154 metres from this berth in the Amerikahaven—the minimum safe distance required for methanol bunkering based on an annual scenario of 359 hours of operations at a maximum flow rate of 1,000 m³ per hour by a bunker ship
- in anticipation of the new general port bunkering map for alternative fuels referred to, it is necessary to designate this specific berth for methanol bunkering in order to enable the bunkering operations requested.



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Has decided:

- I. To designate berth AM USA in the Amerikahaven as a location where methanol may be bunkered by a bunker ship, as indicated on the map annexed to this decree.
- II. Bunkering operations at this berth may only be carried out by a bunker operator holding a valid licence or exemption in accordance with Article 8.1, Paragraph 1 of the Regional Port Byelaws for the North Sea Canal Area 2023.
- III. The total duration of methanol bunkering operations at this location will not exceed 359 hours by the end of 2025, with a maximum pumping capacity of 1,000 m³ per hour.
- IV. This decision takes effect three days after its publication, including publication as an Announcement to IJmond North Sea Canal Area Central Nautical Management (BASIJN) shipping, and will remain valid until 31 December 2025.
- V. This Decree may be cited as the Designation for bunkering methanol at the Amerikahaven berth.

Thus established on behalf of the Mayor and Executive Council of Amsterdam, 1 April 2025.

The Director of the Central Nautical Management North Sea Canal Area

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Please Note

In accordance with the Algemene Wet Bestuursrecht (the Dutch General Administrative Law Act), an interested party can lodge a notice of objection to this decision within six weeks after publication of this decision by submitting a notice of objection to the municipal authority. The notice of objection must be sent to the following addresses: Mayor and Executive Council of Amsterdam, PO Box 202, 1000 AE Amsterdam. The notice of objection must be signed and should contain at least the name and address of the person lodging the objection, the date, a description of the decree against which the objection is being lodged as well as the grounds for objection. If you choose to be represented, we request you to submit an authorisation. The notice of objection has no suspensory effect. If, pending the objection procedure, the situation requires a suspension or immediate relief, an application to grant suspension or provisional relief can be submitted to the judge in preliminary relief proceedings of the Administrative Sector of the Amsterdam District Court, Parnassusweg 226, PO Box 75850, 1070 AW Amsterdam, the Netherlands concerning this decree of Amsterdam. For this procedure, court fees are due. You may lodge your objection online through www.amsterdam.nl/bezwaar/jb. For this option you will need a DigiD.

Explanation

It is necessary to designate this berth in advance of the implementation of a dynamic bunker map for all fuels across the entire port area, in order to facilitate the initial bunkering operations that have been requested. This Decree applies specifically to the bunkering of methanol by a bunker ship and will remain in force until the end of 2025. It is anticipated that, following this period, the newly developed comprehensive bunker map for all fuels will be in use.

An operational space designation for this berth has already been established by the Decision on the Designation of Operational Space dated 30 May 2016, reference no. 015 / RHN / 2016.

Annex: The berth location in the Amerikahaven, indicated as AM USA.

