

PORT AUTHORITY OF JD/RUWAIS

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**To All Port Agents  
Project Contractors and  
Offshore vessels owners / Operators**

### **Tow Approval Certificate**

No tug and tow will be allowed to arrive into or sail from any of the Petroleum Ports of Abu Dhabi without carrying a minimum of a valid Towing Arrangement Certificate and a voyage specific, Tow Approval Certificate.

Before each and every voyage, the tow shall not proceed to sea until a thorough inspection of the tow equipment and arrangements has been carried out by a competent person, and a signed Tow Approval Certificate is issued, specifying the intended route and indicating any special conditions.

The towing operation shall not commence before verifying that the forecasted weather throughout the passage does not exceed the parameters of the Tow Approval Certificate or of that stated in the transport agreement, or project instructions.

Before departure, Tug Master will produce a passage plan and shall ensure to furnish the Port Control -at both ends- with copy of the Tow Approval Certificate and the Passage Plan for verification, also his departure time, ETA at destination, and the weather parameters that he is authorized to sail under.

Vessels not in compliance with the above shall be deemed to be in violation of the Petroleum Ports Regulations.

**For and on behalf of  
Petroleum Ports Authority**



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