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**Subject: Port Regulation: Use of Personal Headphones**

**To: All Employees and Stevedores**

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The investigation into a recent incident identified a failure to act upon a sound signal by the equipment operator to be causal. The operator was wearing personal headphones at the time and exchanging messages using a mobile device.

Following a review of risk, with immediate effect the wearing of personal headphones by any mobile equipment operator engaged in cargo operations in Abu Dhabi Ports is strictly prohibited. Mobile equipment includes lift trucks, cranes – mobile or ship mounted – front-loaders, straddle carriers etc., together with marine assets such as tugs and pilot boats. Where there is a need for ear protection to be worn, only approved 'ear muffs' or 'ear plugs' shall be used.

Furthermore, the use of mobile devices to engage in 'social media' by the aforementioned mobile equipment operators is likewise prohibited. This includes exchanging text or voice messages, or playing any form of game that may distract the operator. Communications to or from operators shall be strictly restricted to matters related to the task being undertaken by the equipment concerned.

Failure to comply with this policy constitutes a breach of Abu Dhabi Ports' Conditions of Employment, and the Terms and Conditions for port entry, and may result in disciplinary or other enforcement action against the offender.

For further information please contact Customer Service through the Abu Dhabi Ports' website or telephone: 800 10 20 30.

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