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Dear Port Users Vessels' Masters (thru Shipping Agents)

## **WORKING NEAR WATER'S EDGE**

- 1. In any seaport operations, it is inevitable that one is required to work near the water's edge (e.g. crew or port user working on a barge) where there is a likelihood of the person falling into the water which may leads to drowning. It is, therefore, vital and essential to provide sufficient buoyancy to keep that person afloat.
- 2. Stakeholders (e.g. employers, self-employed, etc) need to meet their obligations under the WSH Act by carrying out a risk assessment to identify any foreseeable hazard, assess the level of risk and identify measures necessary to prevent or adequately control the risk. Where there is a foreseeable risk of drowning, not controlled by other means, suitable and appropriate personal buoyancy equipment (life-vest/jacket) needs to be provided for and properly worn by employees.
- 3. It is also important to carry out proper maintenance of the personal buoyancy equipment in accordance with manufacturers' instructions.
- 4. For more information on personal buoyancy equipment (British and European Standards on lifejackets and personal buoyancy aids), you may refer to this website: www.hse.gov.uk
- 5. In additional, to increase the safety awareness, Jurong Port wharf decks' edges are marked with a continuous white line with a lifejacket symbol, indicating that port user entering this area needs to don suitable and appropriate personal buoyancy equipment.
- If you need more clarifications, please contact Anthony Chia at 66609094 or email: <u>anthonychia@jp.com.sg</u> or FSS duty officer at 66609552 or email: <u>jpfss@jp.com.sg</u>
- 7. We seek your continued support and cooperation in making Jurong Port a safe and healthy workplace for all.

Thank you.

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