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# PORTS AUTHORITY (PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY SHIPS MASTERS) CODE OF PRACTICE 2006

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PORTS AUTHORITY ACT 1998

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**IN EXERCISE** of the powers conferred by Section 79 of the Ports Authority Act, the Authority issues the following Code of Practice:

1. This Code of Practice may be cited as the Ports Authority (Provision of Information by Ships' Masters) Code of Practice 2006.
2. Upon arrival in any port, the Master of a vessel shall produce the following documents to the Port Master or a person acting under the authority of the Port Master:
  - (a) an accurate Copy of the cargo manifest showing the nature and quantity of the cargo carried or to be discharged by the vessel in that port.
  - (b) a copy of any other document which may be required by the Port Master or a person acting under the authority of the Port Master in respect of the vessel, its cargo, or passengers on board the vessel or intending to board the vessel.

3. If the Master fails to supply any document referred to in this Code of Practice, the Port Master or any person acting with the authority of the Port Master shall have the power to seize the original of any such document from any person.
4. The Port Master may refuse entry to any vessel whose master is unable or unwilling to supply any document(s) required by this Code of Practice.
5. No vessel may leave a port unless the Port Master has first issued a Leaving Certificate in respect of that vessel detailing the cargo and personnel aboard the vessel. The Master shall sign a copy of such certificate confirming its accuracy.
6. This Code of Practice may be amended at any time by the Board of the Ports Authority.