



## NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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**District:** Halifax

### **Subject: APA Pilot order changes Halifax, NS**

The Atlantic Pilotage Authority (APA) is committed to providing an efficient pilotage service within Atlantic Canada. In order to accomplish this goal, the APA will be changing some of the notice requirements for moves and departures in Halifax Harbour. Current Arrival notice **will not** change.

### **What will Change:**

Currently, in Halifax Harbour, vessels are required to give the following notice to Pilot Dispatch:

- 12 hour Estimate
- 5 hour tentative
- 1.5 hour confirmation

### **New Procedures:**

- **12 hour tentative (Required)**
- **5 Hour Tentative**
- **1.5 hour confirmation**
- **Vessels/Agents will no longer be able to call in a 5 order without having a 12 hour order made to dispatch prior.**

### **Reason for Change:**

With the previous ability for vessels to order a departure or move at 5 hours notice it proves difficult, especially during busy periods, to allocate personnel ensuring hours of work and rest are adhered to and to ensure delays are avoided. With the added requirement to give 12 hours notice before being able to update at 5 hours this will be avoided.

Sufficient time for planning will minimize these challenges and ensure that the pilotage is able to provide the most efficient service possible. This change will also align Halifax's initial notice times with all other districts within the APA's purview, permitting dispatch to better plan ahead knowing expected vessels movements within the Harbour within a 12 hour window.

### **Timeline for Change:**

The APA will be implementing the change immediately once notice has been given. We understand that this change will affect many vessels; therefore, the APA will make certain there is an adequate learning period to ensure that all are aware of the change without impacting operations.

Upon receipt of this Notice to Industry there will be a grace period ending **23:59 May 31, 2019**. Once this time has passed dispatch will be enforcing the new notice times and stakeholders will be expected to ensure their vessels comply.



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Thank you for your assistance and understanding. If there are any questions or concerns with the contents of this Notice, please contact the Operations Department of the APA at [operations@atlanticpilotage.com](mailto:operations@atlanticpilotage.com).