

LIVERPOOL PILOTAGE DIRECTIONS 2008 CONSULTATION WITH REGARDS PEC VALIDITY AFTER THE AGE OF 65

The Mersey Docks and Harbour Company (MDHC) has conducted a consultation with regards to the policy of not allowing Pilotage Exemption Certificates to be renewed after a holder attains the age of 65 years. (Liverpool Pilotage Directions 2008 4. c) This consultation followed a complaint that the policy was discriminatory and unjust.

The consultation was directly mailed to 131 stakeholders and published as Local Notice to Mariners No.16 of 2009.

In addition to the original complaint, two responses were received, one in support of the limit and one against. Legal advice has confirmed that the policy amounts to being discriminatory and therefore will be removed from the Pilotage Directions

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