

Rules and Regulations Governing Pilots and Pilotage  
On the Houston Ship Channel Between the Galveston Bar and Turning Basin  
Section 15(I)  
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- I. The Houston Pilots Association shall provide the Secretary of the Pilot Board with its current navigation safety guidelines, working rules, tug matrices, pilot availability and training requirements, project guidelines, pilot ordering, mariners booklets, and other informational circulars, and other generally applicable policies, rules, standards, or procedures applicable to Pilots or the ports and navigable waters subject to the jurisdiction of the Pilot Board (collectively, "Pilot Policies"), within three (3) business days following the request of the Pilot Board or Secretary. The Houston Pilots Association shall give at least twenty (20) days written notice to the Secretary of the Pilot Board before the effective date of any proposal to adopt or amend a Pilot Policy, and with such notice provide a copy of the proposed Pilot Policy or amendment and describe the considerations supporting such action. The Pilot Board may review, and adopt rules and issue orders, including without limitation denial, approval, or modification, with respect to any such proposed adoption or amendment of Pilot Policies, pursuant to its powers and duties under the Act.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Houston Pilots Association may adopt or amend navigation safety guidelines, prior to consideration by the Pilot Board, if necessary:

- 1) as a result of changed circumstances to maintain navigational safety within the ports and navigable waters under the jurisdiction of the Pilot Board; or
- 2) to comply with directives issued by:
  - (a) the United States Coast Guard;
  - (b) the federal Department of Transportation, including the Maritime Administration;
  - (c) the federal Department of Homeland Security; or
  - (d) any other federal or state agency with authority over the ports and navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the Pilot Board.

The Houston Pilots Association shall notify the Secretary of any such adoption or amendments not later than forty-eight (48) hours after such action, and with such notice provide a copy of such new or amended navigation safety guidelines, and describe the considerations supporting such action. The Pilot Board reserves its right to review and adopt rules and issue orders with respect to any such action.