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Dear Customer,

**Ref : Port Waste Reception Facilities - Thamesport
(Regulations 2003 - MGN 253)**

We are writing to advise you that we have recently concluded a review of the provision of facilities for the reception of (and disposal of) vessel waste at Thamesport – in line with our obligation to the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) to periodically update our planning in this area.

As a result of the review, the charge levied to vessel operators in respect of the provision of facilities designed for the reception of vessel waste, and the facilities that we have deployed for the safe disposal of vessel waste (as described in the above regulations), will need to be upwardly adjusted.

This letter confirms that the charge raised for vessels arriving at Thamesport will be increased to £53.90 for all vessels arriving on or after 1st August 2007.

Our increased cost, relating to the deep burial and/or incineration of vessel waste, is the main contributory factor in our decision-making.

We regret that this action has had to be taken, and would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to you in respect of management of our costs.

Should you have a need for further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Customer Service Department