

# Harbour Master Instruction

## HMI 001-24

**Title:** Bunker and Other Hazardous Liquid Transfer Operations

**Scope:** Vessel Masters and operators – All vessels participating in Sydney VTS.

### Requirements

The Master of a vessel participating in Sydney VTS intending to transfer oil or other liquid substances that are flammable, combustible, or corrosive for the propulsion or auxiliary operation of a vessel must comply with the Harbour Master Directions.

For the avoidance of any doubt:

- The specified requirements also extend to the transfer of caustic soda (sodium hydroxide)
- In the event of concurrent transfer operations:
  - A separate permit must be obtained from Sydney VTS for each operation
  - Each individual operation must conform to the Harbour Master Directions pertaining to bunker operations
  - Before commencing each operation, a bunker checklist, following the most recent edition of ISGOTT, must be completed (to the extent applicable to the operation)
  - For the transfer of caustic soda, concurrent transfer operations involving bunkering and other hazardous liquids, including slops and sludges, are not allowed on the same side of the vessel
- Port Authority may impose additional conditions on the transfer operation
- Port Authority may audit the transfer operation.

This HMI repeals *Local Marine Notice 001-2023 Sydney Harbour & Port Botany – Bunker and Other Hazardous Liquid Transfer Operations*.

For a list of Harbour Master Instructions currently in force, please see:

[Harbour Master's Instructions | Port Authority New South Wales \(portauthoritynsw.com.au\)](https://portauthoritynsw.com.au)