
RECOMMENDATION FROM ADJUSTMENT IMPLEMENTATION SUB-COMMITTEE IN THE FISHERIES
SECTOR | HARBOUR AUTHORITIES AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT HOLDERS OR SUB-TENANTS

Concerns have been brought to our attention by factories, fishermen's associations and port authority officials about ridership and non-compliance with dockside prevention measures. Obviously, everyone's responsibility is engaged to different degrees and therefore, we wish to make the following recommendations:

CONSIDERING THAT :

1. DFO issues leases to the Harbor Authorities;
2. Daily surveillance of the port is the responsibility of the members of the board of directors of the port authority or a person engaged to carry out this task;
3. The current circumstances require an amendment to the Operational Regulations applicable to occupation permits or subleases granted;
4. Port Authorities have the power to choose to impose restrictions on access, parking and the behavior to adopt on its facilities;
5. The social distancing rule applies to the wharf as elsewhere and any transgression violates the rules in force and exposes offenders to the sanctions already communicated to the population;

CONSIDERING THAT :

1. Users of the wharf are under the responsibility of occupancy permit holders or sub-tenants, either as employees or as part of a subcontract;
2. Employers are responsible for:
 - Establishing their expectations with their employees working at the docks, mainly in terms of occupational health and safety;
 - Planning, carrying out and checking the applicable preventive measures;
 - Ensuring the competence and understanding of people in positions and/or newly hired;
 - Reminding employees of their roles and responsibilities and the consequences of non-compliance with preventive measures which can be disciplinary, civil and criminal in a context where a state of emergency is declared;

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3. It is the responsibility of companies hiring service providers to:

- Contract their requirements, in particular by obtaining a commitment to respect the policies established by the company;
- Properly communicate the information and tools necessary for their understanding;
- Specify the consequences of non-compliance with these within the contract;

4. Both port authorities, permit holders and sub-tenants have a responsibility in monitoring the preventive measures to be implemented in the fight against COVID-19;

5. The state of emergency is declared by the province of New Brunswick;

6. In the current context, Canadian forces can be made available;

WE RECOMMEND URGENTLY :

A. Control access to the docks by granting only access permit holders and sub-tenants personalized access passes for themselves and their staff;

B. The modification of the Operational Regulations to take into account the rules of behavior necessary under public health requirements in the context of COVID-19;

C. Posters illustrating the expected behavior of port users;

D. Defining and displaying the consequences of non-compliance with the rules communicated;

E. Obtaining strengthening of the police, cadets or reservists to ensure the implementation and compliance with these new rules and preventive measures, **and particularly and urgently in the mid-sea ports;**



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