BRISTOL CITY DOCKS BYE-LAWS (2009)

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The City Council of Bristol acting as the Port Authority for the Bristol City Docks in pursuance of the Bristol Docks Acts and Orders 1848 to 1998, the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847, The Bristol City Docks Harbour Revision Order 1998¹ and of all other powers therein enabling, as set out in the Schedule attached herewith makes the following Bye-laws.

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Title and commencement

1. These Bye-laws may be cited as the Bristol City Docks Bye-laws 2009 and shall come into operation at the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date of their confirmation by the Secretary of State.

Application

2. These Bye-laws shall apply to all parts of the City Docks and the Docks Estate as defined by Bye-law 3 below and as set out in the Annexed Plan.

Interpretation

3. In these Bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words or expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them:-

"Annexed Plan" means the plan entitled "plan annexed to Bristol City Docks Bye-laws 2009 indicating area of Bristol City Dock Estate within Bristol City Docks and the Portishead Pier Estate" annexed to these Bye-laws.

"the Authority" means the City Council of Bristol;

"the City Docks" means the Docks of the Authority which covers the areas of the Floating Harbour and the area of the Portishead Pier Estate as set out in the Annexed Plan.

"Collision Regulations" means the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevent of Collisions)
Regulations 1996² made under Section 85 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995;

2 SI 1993 No. 2974

¹ SI 1998 No. 1209

"the Docks Estate" means the docks, quays, jetties, stages and all other works, land, and buildings for the time being vested in or occupied or administered by the Authority and used for the purposes of or in connection with the City Docks as identified in the Annexed Plan;

"the Floating Harbour" means all basins and other works constructed in connection therewith, identified in the Annexed Plan, and which includes:

- (a) the River Avon from the line coloured blue on the signed plan for the Port of Bristol Harbour Revision Order 1993³ to Hanham Mills and all other rivers or parts of rivers, harbours, canals, pills and creeks which on 5 December 1972 were or are for the time being within the city which are not so comprised; and
- (b) the banks of the River Avon from that line to Hanham Mills and the banks of all pills and creeks communicating directly with that river together with a space of five yards in width on each of the banks thereof immediately above the level of mean-high water springs.

"goods" includes wares and merchandise of every description

"the Harbour Master" means the person appointed as such pursuant to Section 51 of the Harbour Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 and includes his authorised deputies, assistants and any other person authorised by the Authority to act in that capacity;

"hovercraft" means a vehicle which is designed to be supported when in motion wholly or partly by air expelled from the vehicle to form a cushion of which the boundaries include the ground, water or other surface beneath the vehicle;

"Leisure activities" in the context of the navigation of the City Docks shall mean uses of the City Docks for purposes other than the following:

- a) navigating from a starting point to a different finishing point,
- b) navigating for the purposes of carrying goods to or from a wharf or a loading or unloading point,
- c) navigating for the purpose of operating a ferry or carrying fare paying passengers,
- d) navigating so as to take a vessel to or from a place where it will be repaired constructed or serviced

And shall include water-skiing, windsurfing, canoeing, cruising, rowing and training for any water or water-based sport.

"Master" when used in relation to any vessel means any person having the command, charge or management of the vessel for the time being;

"moveable bridge" includes Plimsoll Bridge, Junction Lock Bridge, Pero's Bridge, Bascule Bridge Redcliffe, Prince Street Bridge and Guinea Street Lock Bridge which are marked and identifiable on the Annexed Plan.

"owner" when used in relation to goods includes any consignor, consignee, shipper or agent for the sale, or custody of such goods and in relation to a vehicle shall have the same meaning as in section 68 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988

"quay" means any quay, wharf, jetty, dolphin, landing stage or other structure used for berthing or mooring vessels and includes any pier, bridge, roadway or footway immediately adjacent and affording access thereto;

"sailing vessel" means a vessel designed to carry sail, whether as a sole or as a primary or supplementary means of propulsion;

"small vessel" means any vessel less than 10 metres in length or a sailing vessel;

"vehicle" includes any vehicle propelled on rails, any machinery on wheels or caterpillar tracks, trailers, caravans and mobile homes, and includes a hovercraft or any other amphibious vehicle;

"vessel" means any ship, boat, barge, pontoon, raft, hovercraft, sailboard, dinghy or floating manufactured article and includes amphibious craft.

PART II

NAVIGATION

Vessel movements

4. The Master of a vessel which is proceeding to or from anywhere west of the western limits of the City Docks shall give prior notice to the Harbour Master of the vessel's arrival at, departure from or movement within the City Docks.

Declaration of particulars of vessel

5. The Master of a vessel arriving at the City Docks shall if required by the Harbour Master, furnish to him a declaration in the form to be obtained from him containing a correct statement of the tonnage and draught of the vessel, its last port of call, ownership and destination and particulars of its cargo.

Vessels to navigate with care

6. The Master of a vessel shall navigate his vessel with such care and caution, at such speed and in such manner, as not to endanger the lives of or cause injury to persons or damage to property, and as not to interfere with the navigation, manoeuvring, loading or discharging of vessels or with moorings, river banks or other property.

Speed of vessels

- 7. Except with the consent of the Harbour Master, and subject to Bye-law 6 and Rule 6 of the Collision Regulations, the Master of a vessel shall not cause or permit the vessel to proceed at a speed greater than 6 Knots (or 4 Knots in the Feeder Canal) provided that this Bye-law shall not apply to any vessel on an occasion when it is being used:-
 - (1) subject to Bye-law 6 for Police, fire fighting, emergency or other rescue operations in circumstances where such speed limit would be likely to hinder the use of the vessel for the purpose for which it was being used on that occasion; or
 - (2) subject to Bye-law 6 with the consent of the Harbour Master and in conformity with such reasonable conditions as may be imposed by him relating to water skiing, aqua-planing or

any similar recreational activity in the harbour.

Vessels not to obstruct movement of other vessels

8. No vessel shall obstruct the movement of other vessels entering or leaving the City Docks or approaching locks.

Notification of collisions etc.

- 9. The Master of a vessel which:-
 - (1) has been involved in a collision with any vessel or property, or has been sunk or grounded, or become stranded in a City Docks; or
 - (2) by reason of accident, fire, defect or otherwise is in such a condition as to affect its safe navigation or to give rise to danger to other vessels or property; or
 - (3) in any manner gives rise to an obstruction to a fairway;

shall immediately report the occurrence to the Harbour Master (and as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter provide the Harbour Master with full details in writing) and, where the damage to a vessel is such as to affect or be likely to affect its seaworthiness, the Master shall not move the vessel except to clear the fairway or to moor in safety otherwise than with the consent, and in accordance with the directions, of the Harbour Master.

Vessels adrift

10. The Master of a vessel which parts from its moorings shall, as soon as reasonable practicable, report the same to the Harbour Master.

PART III

BERTHING AND MOORING

Provision of proper fenders

11. The Master of a vessel shall ensure that it is provided with a sufficient number of fenders adequate for the size of their vessel and when berthing and leaving, or lying at a quay or against other vessels, the Master shall cause the vessel to be fended off from that quay or those other vessels so as to prevent damage to that quay, those other vessels or other property.

Vessels to be properly berthed

12. The Master of a vessel shall at all times keep his vessel properly and effectively moored when berthed or lying at any quay.

Sufficiency of crew

- 13. Except with the consent of the Harbour Master, the Master of a vessel shall at all times when his vessel is within the City Docks ensure that his vessel is capable of being safely moved and navigated and that there are sufficient crew or other competent persons readily available -
 - (1) to attend to his vessel's moorings;
 - (2) to comply with any directions given by the Harbour Master for the unmooring, mooring and moving of his vessel; and
 - (3) to deal, so far as reasonably practicable, with any emergency that may arise.

Vessels to be kept in a moveable condition

14. The Master of a vessel other than a small vessel shall not, except where his vessel is lying aground, take any steps to render his vessel incapable of movement, and shall at all times keep his vessel so loaded and ballasted, and in such condition, that it is capable of being safely moved.

Use of Engines while vessel moored or berthed

15. The Master of a vessel which is at a quay or attached to any mooring device shall not permit the engines of his vessel to be worked in such a manner as to cause injury or damage to the bed or banks of the City Docks or to any other vessel or property.

Vessels not to make fast to unauthorised objects

16. No person shall make a vessel fast to any post, quay, ring, fender or any other thing or place not assigned for that purpose.

Access across decks

17. The Master of a vessel alongside a quay or alongside any vessel already berthed within the City Docks shall, if required so to do by the Harbour Master, give free and safe access across the deck

of his vessel for persons and goods to and from vessels berthed alongside his vessel.

Lost anchor, cable or propeller

- 18. (1) The Master of a vessel which has slipped or parted from, or lost, any anchor, chain, cable or propeller shall as soon as reasonably practicable give to the Harbour Master notice thereof and, if possible, of the position of the anchor, chain, cable or propeller and, if the Harbour Master so directs, shall cause it to be recovered as soon as reasonably practicable.
 - (2) The Master of a vessel slipping or parting from an anchor or propeller shall leave a buoy to mark the position thereof.

PART IV GOODS AND ROAD AND RAIL TRAFFIC

Requirements as to the handling and movement of goods in the harbour

- **19.** (1) The owner of any goods loaded or discharged at the City Docks shall ensure that the goods are removed there from as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any case, within 2 hours unless the consent of the Harbour Master is given.
 - (2) The owner of any goods shall comply with such directions as the Harbour Master may from time to time give for regulating the time, place and manner of discharging, loading or otherwise bringing into or removing those goods from the Docks Estate.

Precaution against goods, etc., falling into harbour waters or onto docks estate

20. The Master of a vessel and a person undertaking the loading of goods into, or the discharging of goods from, a vessel or working on a vessel shall ensure that no goods fall or escape into the waters of the City Docks or on the Docks Estate.

Restrictions on driving and riding vehicles

21. No person shall park, drive or ride any vehicle on any quay or jetty, or upon any footbridge lockgate or caisson or upon any land immediately abutting a lock, or upon any footpath or causeway displaying signs stating that they are for the use only of foot passengers, within the Docks Estate without first obtaining the consent of the Harbour Master.

Obstruction or interference at the docks estate

22. No person shall except with the consent of the Harbour Master, deposit or place on any part of the Docks Estate any goods, or park any vehicle or act in anyway so as to obstruct any road, moveable bridge, railway, building, mooring place, plant, machinery or apparatus, or the access thereto;

Interference with fire-fighting or life-saving equipment

23. No persons shall intentionally or recklessly move, obstruct the use or operation of, or intentionally interfere with, any fire-fighting or life-saving equipment or apparatus for any purpose other than combating fire or for saving life without the consent of the Harbour Master.

Safe driving of vehicles

24. No person shall drive or otherwise operate a vehicle in the Docks Estate without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the Docks Estate.

Speed limit for vehicles

25. No person shall allow a vehicle to proceed anywhere in the Docks Estate at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour with the exception for Police, fire fighting, Ambulance or other rescue operations in circumstances where such speed limit would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it was being used on that occasion.

Supervision of vehicles

26. A person having charge of a vehicle within the City Dock Estate shall comply with any instruction given by the Harbour Master with respect to its loading, discharging, manoeuvring and removal thereof, and shall not, without the consent in writing of the Harbour Master leave the vehicle unattended anywhere within the City Docks and Dock Estate other than in a designated parking area.

Loads not to leak, spill or drop

27. The owner, driver or other person having charge of a vehicle in the Docks Estate shall not permit to leak, spill or drop from the vehicle any polluting substance or any substance which is likely to present a hazard to other users of the Dock Estate.

Loads to be secured

28. The owner, driver or other person having charge of a vehicle in the Docks Estate shall ensure that any load carried thereon or therein is properly secured, and that unless it is a rail vehicle it complies with all such statutory restrictions on the weight of goods to be so carried as are applicable on public roads.

Refuelling, etc., of vehicles

29. No person shall, within the Docks Estate, charge or recharge any vehicle with, or empty of it, fuel except with the consent of the Harbour Master.

Precedence of locomotives, etc.

30. A person driving or otherwise operating a road vehicle within the Docks Estate shall give way to any locomotive, railway rolling stock or other rail vehicle.

Accidents to be reported

31. Any person driving or otherwise operating a vehicle involved in an accident in the Docks Estate whereby any injury is caused to any person, or any damage is caused to any property, shall stop the vehicle and report the accident to the Harbour Master.

PART V GENERAL

Inspection facilities, etc., to be made available to harbour masters

32. The Master of a vessel shall, so far as may be required by the Harbour Master in the exercise of his duties, afford the Harbour Master access to any part of the vessel for its inspection and examination for the purposes of extinguishing any fire or lights.

Navigation under influence of drink or drugs prohibited

33. A person shall not navigate any vessel in the harbour whilst under the influence of drink or drugs to such an extent as to be incapable of taking proper control of the vessel.

Vessels not to be fumigated without consent

34. The Master of a vessel shall not cause or permit it to be fumigated without the prior consent of the Harbour Master.

Laying down moorings, buoys and other tackle

- **35.** (1) No person shall lay down any mooring, buoy, or similar tackle without a licence or prior consent in writing of the Harbour Master, nor except in accordance with such conditions as the Harbour Master may impose.
 - (2) A mooring, buoy or similar tackle shall as soon as reasonably practicable be removed by its owner or any other person claiming possession of it if the Harbour Master so directs.

Dumping in harbour waters and on dock estate prohibited

- **36.** (1) No person shall deposit, throw or discharge or cause or permit to be deposited or discharged into the waters of the City Docks either directly or indirectly any rubbish or any toxic, noxious, polluting or offensive matter whatsoever, or place it in such a position that it can fall, blow or drift into the City Docks.
 - (2) No person shall dispose of any waste other than either by removing it from the Dock Estate and disposing of it lawfully elsewhere or by placing it safely in one of the bins or containers provided for such disposal⁴

No dragging or grappling without consent

37. No person shall drag or grapple for any material or article, nor remove the same from the bed of any water area of the City Docks, without the written consent of the Harbour Master save where recovering immediately an item dropped overboard from a small vessel.

Vessels to have names marked on them

38. The owner of a vessel which is not registered as a ship under the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations 1993 and the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, and marked accordingly, shall ensure that the vessel is marked conspicuously with its name unless with the consent of the Harbour Master.

Abandonment of vessels prohibited

⁴ Regulation 17 of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations SI 1994/1056

- **39.** (1) No person shall abandon a vessel in any part of the Docks Estate or in the City Docks.
 - (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this Bye-law, a person who leaves a vessel in any part of the Docks Estate or the City Docks in such circumstances or for such a period that he may reasonably be assumed to have abandoned it shall be deemed to have abandoned it there⁵ unless the contrary intention is shown.

Leisure activities/water sports subject to navigation rights

40. No person shall engage or take part in leisure activities in such a way as to conflict with the use of the City Docks for navigation purposes and any person who engages or takes part in such activities shall comply with any general or specific instruction of the Harbour Master.

Unauthorised trading prohibited

41. No person shall engage, by way of trade, in buying or selling any goods or property in the Docks Estate without the written consent of the Harbour Master.

Repairs not be to executed on quays

42. No persons shall make repairs to any vessels, spars, masts or fittings on the quays other than in accordance with the written consent of the Harbour Master.

Dogs

43. No person shall bring on to or cause or permit to be or remain on the City Docks or Dock Estate any dog unless either at all times while it is on the City Docks or Dock Estate it is held on a lead or it is kept securely within that person's vessel.

Disorderly behaviour

- **44**. (1) No person shall within the City Docks or within the Docks Estate be in charge of or use any machinery, vehicle or vessel whist under the influence of drink or drugs to such an extent as to be incapable of taking proper control of the same.
 - (2) No person shall within the City Docks or within the Docks Estate behave in a disorderly manner or in a manner which causes or is likely to cause a nuisance or disturbance or annoyance to other persons.

⁵ Section 65 of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act 1847 provides that a harbour master may remove

Persons under age

- **45**. Except with the consent of the Harbour Master
 - (1) No person under the age of 18 years shall operate or be the master of any vessel plying for hire within the City Docks whether for the carriage of passengers, freight or both or of any vessel being used for any other purpose than pleasure and
 - (2) No person under the age of 16 years shall operate or be the master of a power driven vessel of greater than ten (10) horse power.

Use of vessels

- **46**. (1) Except with the consent of the Harbour Master no vessel shall at anytime while it is within the City Docks or on the Docks Estate be occupied for business purposes within the meaning of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954.
 - (2) Except with the consent of the Harbour Master and in accordance with his directions no person shall reside on board a vessel within the City Docks or on the Docks Estate for a period in excess of fourteen days.

Restrictions on vessels

47. No person shall use, navigate or moor any vessel in the City Docks within the Old Junction Lock or the Castle Ditch or any culverted part of the River Frome as indicated on the Annexed Plan without having first obtained the consent of the Harbour Master.

Management of leisure activities in the city docks

48. Any person engaged or taking part in leisure activities shall not impede the passage of vessels exercising a right of passage through or within the City Docks and shall at all times comply with any general or specific instruction of the Harbour Master.

Swimming

49. Except in case of accident or emergency no person shall bathe, dive, swim in or jump into the City Docks without first having obtained the consent of the Harbour Master and subject to any

reasonable conditions imposed by him.

River banks

50. No person shall place or leave unsecured on any river bank foreshore or tow path anything that is likely to become an obstruction to the navigation towing or mooring of vessels.

Use of facilities and equipment

- **51**. (1) No person shall use or attempt to use any quay, stage, tip, crane, weight, measure or other facilities or equipment belonging to the Authority except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a consent given by the Harbour Master.
 - (2) No master shall allow his vessel to stop at any quay, stage, grid, crane or berth after the time appointed or allowed for that purpose by the Harbour Master nor use or allow any machine, weight or measure provided by or belonging to the Authority to be used after such time.

Advertisements

- **52**. (1) No person shall without the written consent of the Harbour Master exhibit an advertisement except:-
 - (a) an advertisement exhibited on a vessel by a person in relation to a trade or business lawfully carried out by him in that vessel; or
 - (b) an advertisement exhibited on a vessel and not visible from the shore; or
 - (c) an advertisement indicating that the vessel in question is for sale; or
 - (d) a permanent advertisement on a vessel which only remains within the harbour for 28 days or less.
 - (2) No person shall illuminate an advertisement in such a manner as to interfere with the night navigation of mariners or be capable of confusion with an aid to navigation.

Divers

53. No diving operations are to take place in the City Docks without the prior consent of the Harbour Master and may be and subject to any reasonable conditions imposed by him.

Pyrotechnics

54. Except with the prior consent of the Harbour Master no person except in an emergency shall release any flare or pyrotechnic device.

Fishing

- **55.** (1) No person shall fish in that part of the City Docks or Floating Harbour without the consent of the Harbour Master and in accordance with such reasonable conditions as may be imposed by him.
 - (2) This Bye-law shall not apply in the case of a person who is fishing in pursuance of a fishing right owned otherwise than by the Authority.

Skateboarding

56. No person shall, without the consent of the Harbour Master, skate on rollerskates, rollerblades or skateboards within the Dock Estate.

Impounding of vessels

- 57. In the case of vessels to which Section 18 of the Bristol Corporation Act 1961 applies:-
 - (1) where no application for a Licence has been made and a vessel remains within the City Docks for a period of 14 days the Authority may impound such vessel and its cargo until such time as a Licence may be granted by the Authority, or
 - (2) where application for a Licence has been made and refused and where the vessel remains in the City Docks for a period of 14 days following such refusal, the Authority may impound such vessel and its cargo until such time as satisfactory arrangements are made for the vessel to leave the City Docks

Interference with harbour lights

58. No person shall, without lawful authority, intentionally or recklessly interfere with or obstruct the use or operation of any navigational or quayside lights in the City Docks, the Floating Harbour or the Docks Estate.

Fuelling of vessels

59. No person shall load more than twenty litres of any fuel oil into or onto any vessel away from any recognised or authorised regular fuelling point without the consent in writing of the Harbour Master.

Fire precautions

- **60.** The master of vessels shall take all reasonable precautions for the prevention of accidents by fire. They shall give warning of such a fire by continuously sounding the vessel's horn, shall inform the Harbour Master immediately and shall take all necessary steps immediately to put out any such fire.
- **61.** The Occupant(s) of any building within the City Docks or Docks Estate area shall inform the Harbour Master of an outbreak of fire as soon as possible and take immediate action to bring all available fire fighting equipment into operation.
- **62.** No vessels other that those used by the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Services may display a blue flashing light by day or night.
- **63.** The maximum prescribed speed limit shall not apply to vessels in use by the Authority and by the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services in the execution of their duties.
- **64.** No person shall light, or attempt to light or use any open fire or naked light within the City Docks or Docks Estate except with the consent of the Harbour Master.
- **65.** The Master of a vessel within the City Docks or Docks Estate shall ensure that no fuel tank or fuel container shall be opened and moved on his vessel without consent of the Harbour Master. The fuel contained shall be specifically designed and constructed and suitable for the purpose.
- **66**. All naked lights, cooking, heating, refrigerating and lighting appliances aboard the vessels moored within the City Docks or the Docks Estate must be turned off before fuel is taken on.
- **67**. All LPG (Liquified Petroleum) containers shall be installed in an up right position with the value upper most and not adjacent to any cooking or heating appliance or in any engine, fuel or battery compartment.

Penalties

- **68**. (1) Any person who contravenes or otherwise fails to comply with any of these Bye-laws, or any condition, requirement or prohibition imposed by the Harbour Master in the exercise of the powers conferred upon him by these Bye-laws, shall be guilty of an offence and be liable, on conviction before a court of summary jurisdiction, to the following fines:-
 - (a) for contravention of Bye-laws 4, 5, 34, 38 and 41, a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale;
 - (b) for contravention of Bye-laws 23, 33, 45 or 52, a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale;
 - (c) for all other offences, a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
 - (2) Where the commission by any person of an offence under these Bye-laws is due to the act or default of some other person, that other person shall be guilty of an offence; and that other person may be charged with, and convicted of, the offence by virtue of this Bye-law, whether or not proceedings for the offence are taken against any other person.
 - (3) In any proceedings for an offence under these Bye-laws, it shall be a defence for the person charged to prove -
 - (a) that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of such an offence; or
 - (b) that he had a reasonable excuse for his act or failure to act.
 - (4) If, in any case, the defence provided by paragraph (3)(a) of this Bye-law involves the allegation that the commission of the offence was due to the act or default of another person, the person charged shall not, without leave of the court, be entitled to rely on that defence unless, within a period ending seven clear days before the hearing, he has served on the prosecutor a notice in writing giving such information identifying, or assisting in the identification of, that person as was then in his possession.

Revocation

69. The following Bye-laws are hereby revoked insofar as they apply to the City Docks and the Docks Estate:-

<u>Date Made</u> <u>Title</u>

8th June 1831	Rates and fares to be taken by Watermen plying for hire on the Bristol Floating Harbour.
10th September 1850	Steam Passage Boats on the Floating Harbour
1st January 1876	Bristol Docks Bye-laws
14th February 1881	Portishead Docks Bye-laws
12th July 1892	Navigation on the River Avon and Lights and Signals in River Avon and Floating Harbour
9th November 1916	Navigation of Barges in tow on the River Avon
1st August 1896	Lights and signals in the Floating Harbour
9th March 1920	Discharge of Waste and other materials into the Bristol Avonmouth and Portishead Docks
18th March 1947	Licensing of Dock Pilots in the Port of Bristol
17th October 1947	Licensing of Boatmen and Hobblers in the Port of Bristol
17th July 1951	Bye-laws relating to loading, discharging etc. of petroleum (other than petroleum spirit)
9th March 1954	Bye-laws for controlling the navigation and mooring of pleasure craft in the Port of Bristol
11th November 1958	Port of Bristol (Mechanically Propelled Vehicles) Bye-laws 1958

PART VI SAVINGS

Crown Rights

70. (1) Nothing in these Bye-laws affects prejudicially any estate, right, power, privilege, authority or exemption of the Crown and, in particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, nothing in these Bye-laws shall authorise any person to take, use, enter upon or in

any manner interfere with, any land or hereditaments or any rights of whatsoever description (including any portion of the shore or bed of the sea or of any river, channel, creek, bay or

estuary):-

(a) belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her Crown and under the management of the

Crown Estate Commissioners, without the consent in writing of those Commissioners;

or

(b) belonging to a government department, or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes

of a government department, without the consent in writing of that government

department.

(2) A consent under paragraph (1) above may be given unconditionally, or subject to such

conditions and upon such terms as may be considered necessary or appropriate.

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRISTOL was fixed to this Agreement

in the presence of:

Authorised Signatory

The Secretary of State hereby confirms the foregoing Bye-laws

SIGNED by the Authority of the Secretary of State

This...... day of2009

Dichard Ronnott

Richard Bennett

Head of Ports Division

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SCHEDULE OF ENABLING POWERS (REFERRED TO IN THE PREAMBLE TO THESE BYE-LAWS)

- 1. Section 83 and 84 of the Harbour Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 (**1847 c. 27**), as incorporated by section 3 of the Bristol Dock Act 1848.
- 2. Sections 48 and 67 of the Bristol Dock Act 1848c.
- 3. Sections 1 and 16 of the Bristol Dock Act 1865 1865c.
- 4. Section 48 of the Bristol Dock Act 1881 **1881 c.clxviii**
- 5. Section 32 of the Bristol Dock Act 1884 1884 c.cclv.
- 6. Sections 2 and 27 of the Bristol Dock Act **1886 c.xcvi**.
- 7. Sections 3 and 31 of the Bristol Docks and Railways Act 1901 1901 c.cclxiv.
- 8. Sections 3 and 18 of the Bristol Corporation Act 1903 1903 c.ccxi.
- 9. Sections 3 and 12 of the Bristol Corporation Act 1918 1918 c.xlii.
- 10. Sections 3 and 9 of the Bristol Corporation Act 1926 1926 c.xcix.
- 11. Section 72 of the Harbour Docks and Piers Act 1847 **1847 c.27.**
- 12. Sections 3 and 5 of the Bristol Corporation Act 1938 1938 c.lxxix.
- 13. Articles 4(1), 5(1) and 19 of the Bristol Corporation (West Dock) Act 1971 1971 c.lv.
- 14. Article 3(1) to (3) of the Bristol Port and Harbour Revision Order 1972 SI 1972/1931.
- 15. Regulation 43 of the Dangerous Substances in Harbour Areas Regulations 1987 SI 1987/37.
- 16. Sections 3 & 5 of the City of Bristol (Portishead Docks) Act 1992 1992 c.xxi.
- 17. Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Bristol City Docks Harbour Revision Order 1998 SI No. 1209.