General conditions for the use of the Pilot Exemption **Certificate (PEC)**

This annex contains the general conditions to be met for the PEC holder to be permitted to use his or her certificate. All the conditions have to be met, unless the Swedish Transport Agency has decided on one or more special permits when issuing the certificate.

General conditions

- If a nautical officer other than the master holds a PEC, that nautical officer may use his or her PEC only if the master too holds a PEC for the vessel, or the vessel and towed unit, and the fairway.
- A PEC may not be used if the master is obliged to engage a pilot under Chapter 2, Section 1, first paragraph, points 1-4.
- A PEC may not be used while the vessel is receiving towing assistance.
- A PEC granted through the simplified procedure may be used only if the actual quantity and location of the fuel oil are in accordance with the corresponding information stated in the application for the PEC.
- According to the international cargo ship safety equipment certificate, the international passenger ship safety certificate or an equivalent document, a vessel shall have certain navigational equipment. A PEC may be used only if this equipment is functioning properly.
- PEC may be used only if the vessel's or the vessel and towed unit's propulsion and manoeuvring equipment function to the extent required for the safe navigation and manoeuvring of the vessel, or the vessel and towed unit, under the existing circumstances.
- A PEC may be used for a maximum of six hours within a 12-hour period.
- If the vessel or the vessel and towed unit is to be navigated within a VTS area, the PEC holder shall notify the VTS centre of his or her PEC number and of the time when he or she will begin to use the PEC. If the vessel or the vessel and towed unit is to be navigated outside VTS areas, the same information shall be communicated by way of a general call using VHF channel 16. In both cases the call shall be made in English.
- A PEC holder using his or her PEC shall be present at all times at the place from which the vessel or the vessel and towed unit is being manoeuvred, and participate actively in the navigation.
- 10 If 12 months or more have passed since the PEC holder's last passage in the fairway, a pilot shall be engaged in at least one of the directions of the fairway. Concerning Trollhätte kanal, if 6 months or more have passed since the PEC holder's last passage, a pilot shall be engaged in both directions.
- 11 If the vessel is towing and shall be equipped with an Automatic Identification System (AIS) under Chapter 4, Section 16, point 2, the AIS shall indicate that the vessel is towing.

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