

1 Hot Work

- 1.1 It is permitted to carry out welding, cutting, grinding and burning on board or on the quayside subject to the following conditions, and also to the provisions of the Shetland Islands Councils directions and byelaws.

2 Conditions

- 2.1 Burning or welding in any way of fuel oil tanks, cargo tanks and any other oil tank or in the way of air pipes, sounding pipes and any common bulkhead or floor leading to an oil tank, which is not gas free, or rendered inert, is prohibited.
- 2.2 All tankers wishing to carry out hot work must have a gas free certificate issued by a qualified chemist.
- 2.3 Burning or welding on the outer superstructure or hull in high winds, where the carriage of sparks could endanger adjacent premises, is prohibited.
- 2.4 Vessels should ensure that an adequate number of suitable fire extinguishers be available at all times throughout the operation
- 2.5 Fire inspections of the work site and adjacent areas must be carried out at regular intervals from the commencement of hot works until such a time that there is deemed to be no risk of fire.
- 2.6 Before any hot work can take place, the Shetland Islands Council hot work permit must be completed, which can be done by VHF, Telephone or email as per the instructions on the form.

3 Notification

- 3.1 Vessels wishing to undertake hot works whilst in an SIC port or harbour area must give notice to the harbour authority prior to commencement of works.
- 3.2 Notice shall be given by the completion of the Shetland Islands Council Hot Work Notification G-OF-05

4 Approval

- 4.1 Approval may be granted upon receiving a full and correct permit by any of the following
- Harbour Master – Executive Manager or their deputies
 - Duty VTSO
 - Small Ports Supervisor
 - Duty Small Ports Officer
- 4.2 Upon approval, the signed permit should be returned to the vessel for their records.
- 4.3 Approval may be denied if there is any concern over the safety of the works, work site or for the safety of any harbour user
- 4.4 Approval shall be denied if a permit is received incomplete or incorrect