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Israel Hamas War - Port Situation Update

The UK P&I Club received the following updates from Club correspondent **M. Dizengoff P&I Representative Ltd**, and local correspondent **Harpaz P&I** regarding the port situation in Israel.

Update - 11th October

Ashdod

The port is located 50km from the Gaza border and it has been attacked by missiles. Whilst it is currently operational, it is working on an emergency basis only.

Haifa (includes Haifa Bay port and Israel shipyard port)

The port is located about 200km from the border and is currently operational.

Ashkelon

The port is located 15km from Gaza border. It is an oil port for tankers and it has been constantly attacked by missiles. The navy are restricting vessels entering the jetty. However, some vessels have discharged cargo whilst moored at sea buoys. Any decisions concerning moored vessels are taken on the basis of the security situation, which can change daily.

Hadera

The port is located 100km from the border and it is a coal port. It currently remains operational.

Eilat

The port is in the Southern Israel. It serves the export of fertilisers and the import of cars from the Far East. It is not affected by the war and is operating as usual.

Update - 9th October

The government of Israel has declared a state of war against Palestinian militant group Hamas. The majority of the fighting is currently taking place in the southern part of Israel and the ports of Ashdod and Ashkelon are not far away from this area.

Port Information:

- Ashdod port is currently operating on an "Emergency Mode" status.
- The port of Haifa which also includes the Haifa Bay port and Israel shipyard port is operating as usual.
- The port of Ashkelon (used mostly by tankers) is not operating.
- The port of Hadera (used mostly by bulk carriers) is operating as usual.
- The Israeli Navy control all of the sea traffic in all areas around and near the port of Ashdod and Ashkelon.



- A message issued on 7th October 2023 by Ashdod port authorities, relating to vessel's carried hazardous material (HAZMAT).

QUOTE:

To: Shipping Agents

Subject: Entry of Vessels with Hazardous Materials to Ashdod Port – Temporary Procedure

1. Following an announcement about "special situation in the hinterland" in the geographical area in which Ashdod Port is included, the Ministry of Transportation has directed the port to regulate the entry of vessels according to the hereby procedure:
2. Entry of vessels carrying Hazardous Materials ("HAZMAT") of any kind into Ashdod Port, is subject to a prior approval of Israel's Administration of Shipping and Ports.
3. Please note that according to the directives of the Home Front Command, entry of vessels carrying HAZMAT of class classification groups: 1, 2.1, 2.3, as well as substances appearing in the table in the link below, will not be allowed: <https://tinyurl.com/UNgroup0523>
4. Shipping agents are required to send detailed list of all HAZMAT of any type on vessels scheduled to arrive at the port of Ashdod, 48 hours prior its arrival at the port. The above applies to both container ships and general and bulk cargo ships.
5. The list should include 3 reports: import, export and transit of HAZMAT.
6. The list must be send to the control room of the TOS unit, by email:
bakara-room@ashdodport.co.il

You must verify the receiving of the list at the TOS unit, at phone +972-8-8517103/247.
7. Failure to transfer the list on time may cause a delay in the vessel's entry into the port.
8. The Shipping Agents are required to be in contact with port's planning unit, in order to receive information about the approval of vessels to call the port.
9. The application of this instruction is immediate until further notice.

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The Club will continue to monitor this situation very closely.

Source of Information: The UK P&I Club