

## SHIPPING AGENT'S MEMO 17-2023

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## SUBJECT: VESSEL SCHEDULING AND BERTH EFFICENCY

Fremantle Ports' is continually working towards improved vessel scheduling and berth efficiency. To ensure that we can plan and schedule vessels efficiently it is vital that our Port Management Information System (VOYAGER) is maintained with accurate and up-to-date information.

It is the responsibility of Shipping Agents to ensure that:

- Vessel berth applications are submitted at a <u>minimum</u> of 7 days prior to the vessel's arrival in Port along with all Pre-arrival notification documents.
- All movements are accurate and up-to-date to the ship agent's knowledge.
- Movements are updated regularly to ensure that stevedore schedules and Fremantle Ports Voyager system align as closely as possible.

Fremantle Ports welcome the early entry of vessel berth applications into our system. The system allows transparency to all service providers in the industry. Advance entries into Voyager allows the port to see in advance where vessel and land side congestion may occur, as well as schedule maintenance for the least disruption to the industry.

In recent weeks we have seen an increase in late vessel berth applications being submitted as well as a failure to ensure a vessel ETAs and ETDs are kept current. We would appreciate everyone assistance and diligence to ensure that Voyager is up-to-date and can be a reliable source of information for the shipping industry.

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