

Drone /unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV's) Policy

Requests for permission to use drones need to be submitted no less than 14 days prior to the event and will be considered carefully taking into account the following:-

1. Whether the applicant has carefully considered the potential hazards
2. Whether the scene/operation can be achieved without a drone, therefore avoiding disruption and potential hazards to river/port operations.

Process

In the event a drone is considered this will be subject to the following requirements:-

1. A minimum of two weeks' notice must be provided
2. The application should include:-
 - a. Proposed date and time of the drone operation
 - b. Proposed details of drone flight plan
 - c. Risk assessment and method statement
 - d. Details of the proposed operating company of the drone and Health and Safety requirements which include:
 - i. Name of Drone contractor
 - ii. Civil Aviation Authority permission and Certificate Number
 - iii. Expiry date of certificate
 - iv. Drone model details
 - v. Certificate of pilot competency (on model of drone to be used)
 - vi. Full commercial operating insurance
 - vii. Pre-flight checklist and;
 - viii. Emergency response plan.
- It is a basic requirement that the drone maintains a minimum of at least 50 metres from any person, vessel, bridge or other structures.

Any request for permission to drone should be sent to communications@pdports.co.uk and include the information listed above.