

This form is required for the authorisation of “Non-Routine Tows” of under 50 metres in length overall (including lines). Anything over 50 metres overall in length will require boarding of a Poole Pilot which should be requested by contacting Poole VTS, then a Pilot will subsequently make contact to discuss the operation. Refer to PHC’s Towage Guidelines for further guidance.

Part 1 - to completed by Project Manager/ Agent / Tow Master

Name of Applicant:	
Date of Application:	
Email Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Signature:	

Date:		From:		Type (Tick)	Dead Ship Barge Unusual Object
Total LOA		To:			

Towed Vessel: (please include drawing of tow configuration overleaf)

Name:		Length:		Crewing	
Beam:		Draft:		Propulsion	

Tug:

Name:		Length:		Towing Arrangement	
BP:		Draft:		Propulsion	

Part 2 – to be completed by the Harbour Master or Duty Pilot then returned to applicant

Pilot Required?		Boarding arrangements verified?	
RAMS and Passage Plan Sighted?		Passage Timing Limitations?	
Signed Approved:		Date Approved:	

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Tow Configuration Diagrams

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