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Unattended Vehicles / Trailers / Equipment on Port Operational Quay Areas

A number of recent issues have arisen where unattended vehicles, trailers and equipment have been left unattended on operational quay areas, impacting on vessel loading / discharging operations.

Unattended Vehicles / Trailers / Equipment should not be left on Belfast Harbour Operational Quays without seeking approval from Port Operations. This includes vehicles and trailers involved with secondary handling operations – i.e. no vehicles or trailers to be left unattended overnight.

Approval should be sought for equipment, including cherry pickers, hoists, forklifts, bobcats, etc., if they are required to be left unattended. They should be parked (locked / secured) in a safe area and clear of any planned operational activities.

It should be noted that vessel loading / discharge operations take priority over secondary handling operations in adjacent areas. These secondary handling operations, including traffic plans need to be agreed between Stevedores. If a safe operating plan cannot be agreed and executed, the secondary handling operations may need to be suspended.

Any unauthorised unattended vehicles, trailers or equipment may be removed, with all associated costs for the owner / operator.

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