

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for vessels arriving on or after 1st April 2025 and requiring the services of a pilot, the following information must be provided at the time that the booking for the vessel is made via the PortLinks application:

- For each operational pilot ladder on board the vessel
 - o a photograph of the manufacturer's plate attached to the ladder; and
 - a copy of the ladder's certificate (declaration of conformity)
- A copy of the vessel's pilot card

The pilot ladder certificate must confirm:

- Type approval in compliance with SOLAS V, Regulation 23
- Performance requirements in compliance with SOLAS V, Regulation 23, and IMO Resolution A.1045(27)
- Testing standards in compliance with ISO 799-1:2019

Furthermore, if the ladder is more than 30 months old, a certificate of load testing (in compliance with ISO 799-1:2019) that is dated within the past 30 months must also be provided.

Bookings that are submitted without this information being provided will not be accepted.

For the avoidance of doubt, vessels that do not normally require the services of a pilot (e.g. ferries navigating under the conduct of PEC holders) do not need to provide this information unless the services of a pilot are required.

Examples of a pilot ladder manufacturer's plate and certificate are shown on the following page.

Queries regarding this requirement should be directed to the Group Marine Planners (GroupMarine.Planners@PeelPorts.com).

Peel Ports Pilot Ladder Guidance is also published on our website: https://www.peelports.com/media/ciwilbkl/pilot-ladder-quidance-v1.pdf



Example of a pilot ladder manufacturer's plate



Example of a pilot ladder certificate

