

HOLYHEAD – Marine Safety & Information Circular

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Terminal 5 Linkspan Usage for Abnormal Loads

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Following the event on Terminal 3 in December 2024 it was decided to limit HGV weights crossing Terminal 5 decks to standard HGV loads, i.e. 44 T's, when Terminal 5 re-opened.

Prior to this, there was an approved process for assessing abnormal / overweight loads to ensure that they were within the capacities of the Terminal 5 linkspan lower deck.

To allow this process to be utilised going forwards, Royal Haskonings were requested to carry out a review of the assessment process and determine if it was a robust analysis. This review determined that the process was suitable and sufficient analysis of abnormal loads and was acceptable for on-going use.

Therefore, this process has now been fully reinstated, all abnormal load requests received by the Freight Booking Teams (both Stena Ferries and Irish Ferries) are required to be referred to Holyhead Technical Services Team for review under this process and confirmation that each load is acceptable to travel.

All abnormal loads crossing the linkspan must adhere to the following requirements,

- 1) Only the lower deck is utilised for abnormal loads
- 2) The abnormal load is to be the only vehicle on the linkspan at the time of crossing, i.e. no convoys of vehicles.
- 3) The vehicle is to travel down the centre of the linkspan deck.

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