



2026 - NOTICE TO SHIPPING #5

NIAGARA REGION WELLAND CANAL

Bunkering and Transfer of Chemicals/Sludge at Wharf 2 & Wharf 16

Please be advised that the Seaway is implementing a revised process for bunkering and/or the transfer of soluble chemicals or sludge. Effective this 2026 navigation season, bunkering and the transfer of chemicals or sludge will only be permitted at Wharf 2 and at Wharf 16 in the Welland Canal.

Procedure

1. Ship representative to complete bunkering checklist (see below) and send via email to the Welland Canal Operations Control Centre (OCC) (nrerie@seaway.ca) prior to any bunkering or transfer of chemicals or sludge operation.

Note: The Bunkering checklist used by fuel/chemical provider and the ship may be adequate. If not, a template of an acceptable checklist is attached.

2. Ships requiring bunkers or transfer of chemicals/sludge should file notification to that effect as follows:
 - Upbound ships when reporting in at Mid-Lake Ontario.
 - Downbound ships when reporting in at Seaway Long Point.

Downbound ships departing a port east of Long Point and upbound ships departing a port west of Mid-Lake Ontario should file notification of bunker or transfer of chemicals/sludge requirements as soon as they have cleared port.

Important: No bunkering or transfer of chemical/sludge will be permitted until completed checklist has been received by the OCC.

3. Report to Welland OCC (VHF Ch. 14 or 905-641-1932 ext. 5454/5450) before and after bunkering or transfer of chemicals/sludge.
4. Smoking during bunkering is strictly prohibited.



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5. Report any incident or pollution immediately to Seaway Welland (VHF Ch. 14)
6. Stop transfer and clear hoses before another ship passes.
7. Cease bunkering during thunderstorm, lightning, winds >20 knots, visibility < 0.2 NM, or at any time as directed by Seaway Welland.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Bunkering Checklist / Liste de vérification pour soutage

Complete and send form to nrerie@seaway.ca (Operations Control Center (OCC) – Welland Canal) prior to bunkering operation.
Remplir et envoyer le formulaire à nrerie@seaway.ca (Centre des Opérations (CDO) – Canal Welland) avant le soutage.

Date: _____ Time / heure : _____ Location / Endroit : _____

Product 1 / Produit 1 : _____ Quantity / Quantité: _____

Product 2 / Produit 2 : _____ Quantity / Quantité : _____

Vessel / Navire	Supplier Fournisseur
Phone No No. téléphone	Phone No No. téléphone
<input type="checkbox"/> Welland OCC informed before bunkering. <i>Le CDO de Welland avisé avant le commencement du soutage.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Oil spill kit available for immediate use. <i>Kit de déversement prêt pour usage immédiat.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Vessel scuppers plugged. <i>Dalots du navire bouchés.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double up on mooring lines. <i>Amarres doubles.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Drip pans empty and plugged. <i>Bac de recuperation vide et bouché.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintain radio and deck watch at all time. <i>Maintenir une veille radio et sur le pont en tout temps.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Oil spill kit available for immediate use. <i>Kit de déversement prêt pour usage immédiat.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Welland OCC informed after bunkering. <i>Le CDO de Welland avisé à la fin du soutage.</i>	

Notes :

- Report to Welland OCC (VHF Ch.14 or 905-641-1932 x5454/5450) before and after bunkering. / *Aviser le CDO de Welland (VHF canal 14 ou 905-641-1932 x5454/5450) avant et après le soutage.*
- Smoking is strictly prohibited during bunkering / *Il est strictement interdit de fumer lors du soutage.*
- Report any incident or pollution immediately to Seaway Welland (VHF Ch.14). / *Tout incident ou pollution doit être signalé immédiatement à Seaway Welland (VHF Ch.14).*
- Stop transfer and clear lines before another ship passes / *Le transfert doit cesser et les lignes vidées avant le passage d'un navire.*
- Cease bunkering during thunderstorm, lightning, winds > 20 knots, or visibility < 0.2 NM / *Interrompre le soutage cas d'orage, éclairs, vents > 20 noeuds ou si la visibilité < 0.2 mile marin.*

Ship representative / Représentant du navire

Signature : _____

Name / Nom : _____

Title / Titre : _____

Supplier representative / Représentant du fournisseur

Signature : _____

Name / Nom : _____

Title / Titre : _____

This checklist is a procedural aid to support safe and efficient bunkering operations. It does not relieve the master or the supplier of their responsibilities, nor override any applicable laws, regulations or policies. / *Cette liste de vérification vise à soutenir la sécurité et l'efficacité du soutage. Elle ne dégage ni le capitaine ni le fournisseur de leurs responsabilités, ni ne remplace, les lois, règlements ou politiques applicable.*