

# **Guidelines for Administrative Guidance on the Use of Motobu Port**

(To take effect on April 1, 2024)

## **Section 1. Purpose of the Guidelines**

The guideline serves as a purpose for the port administrator, Okinawa Prefecture to provide administrative guidance towards water area users, in accordance with guidelines pertaining to water-area users at Motobu Port, ensuring management procedures applicable to the port.

## **Section 2. Terms and Definition**

The terms provided in the guidelines serve as references from the Port and Harbor Act, and are defined as below.

- (1) Cruise Ship: A passenger vessel that provides trips by sea to guests.
- (2) Water-area user: A user swimming, diving, fishing, riding surf-boards, dragon boats, motorbikes, pleasure boats, or doing other marine activities within the area from the solid red line in face of the land area, surrounding the water-area and coastline (edge of the water), provide in the appendix on (p.3).

## **Section 3. Obligations of Water area users**

Water-area users shall commit to the safety of the water-area, and adhere to the following rules.

- (1) Refrain from using the water area within the area surrounded in solid red, indicated on the map attached below, and vacate the area to shore prior to the entry/departure of cruise ships specified in section 5.
- (2) Comply with the following sections

## **Section 4. Guidance to Water-area users**

It is with great concern that the inflowing currents or vortex towards the water area generated by propelling components such as thrusters of cruise vessels may be potentially hazardous to swimmers and users at the area, therefore you will be asked to vacate the area provided in the appendix on (p.3), whenever deemed necessary as a safety precaution by the port administrator, Okinawa Prefecture.

## **Section 5. Specified Vacating Schedule**

In compliance with Section 4, you will be asked to vacate the area accordingly to the schedule below. Schedule is subjected to change upon weather conditions.

- (1) Vacating upon port entry of cruise ships is to take place 30 minutes prior to the cruise ship's arrival until its docking.
- (2) Vacating upon departure of cruise ships is to take place 10 minutes prior to the cruise ship departure until it passes break-water.

## Section 6. The Guidance

The guidance shall be given orally by officials of the Okinawa Prefectural Government (Port Division, Hokubu Regional Public Works Office, etc.), Officials of the town of Motobu (Motobu Port Administration Office Officials) who have been delegated by the Okinawa Prefectural Government to handle administrative matters in regard to the management of Motobu Port (Motobu Area) and organizations (including but not limited to on-duty crews of patrol boats 「referred to as a patrol boat」 deployed by Cruise-liners) commissioned by those authorities to provide security.

## Section 7. Swimmers and Water-area users shall be notified via the following

- (1) Notifications beforehand via such as the prefecture or marine leisure relevant organizations
- (2) Installation of Billboards
- (3) Announcements via broadcasting facilities
- (4) Notifications by on duty officials or patrol boats

## Section 8. Cruise-liners shall comply with the following safety measures

Cruise-liners shall follow the safety measures given below, provided in the "Motobu Port (Motobu Area) Entry/Departure Guideline Summary for Large Cruise Ships" by the Okinawa Prefectural Government.

- (1) Be sure to minimize the force generated from propelling components of the ship as much as possible, to ensure a safe navigation.
- (2) Be sure to lookout for swimmers around the area
- (3) Be sure to arrange for a patrol boat.

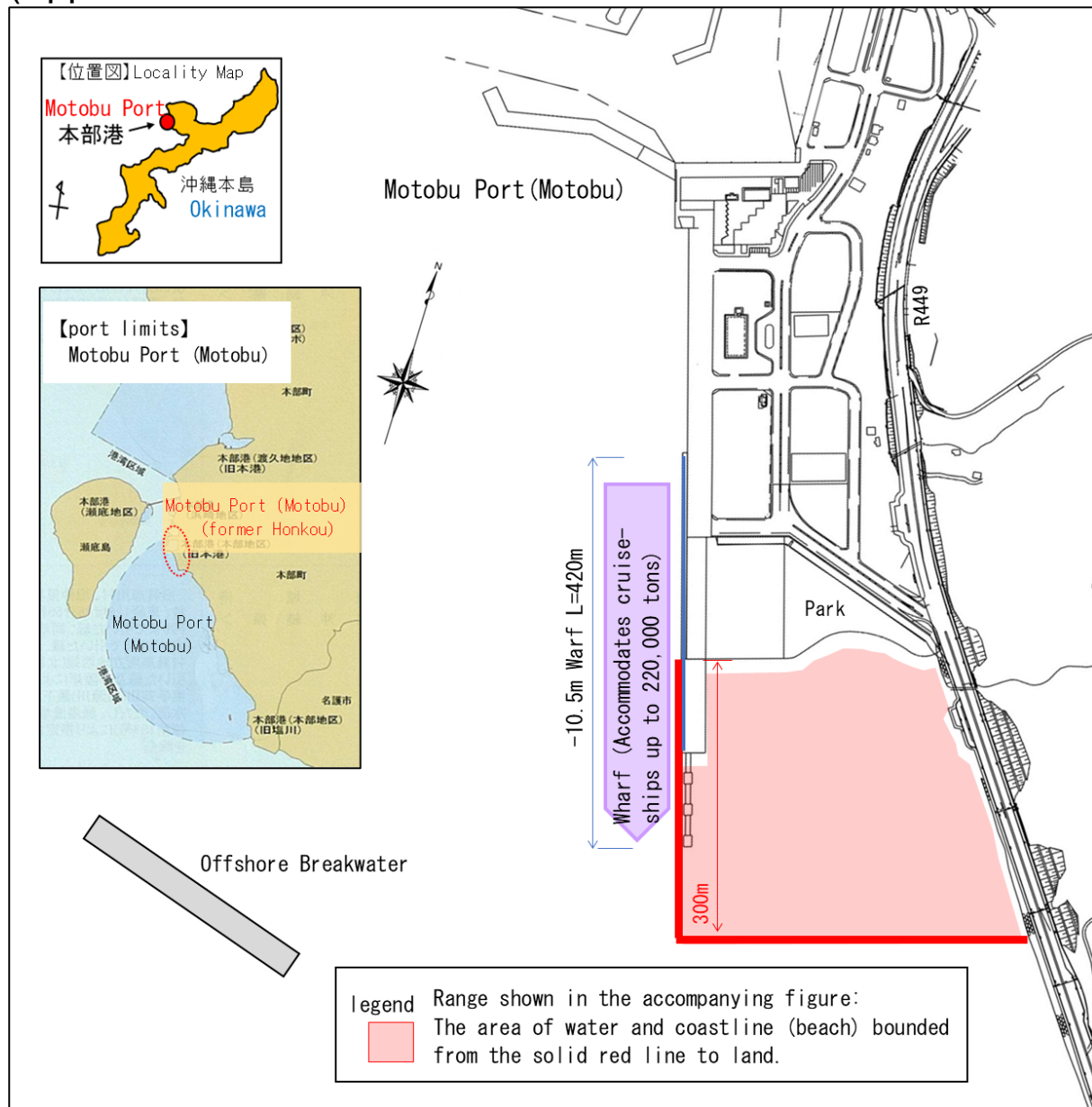
## Section 9. Other Guidelines

Note that the Okinawa Prefectural Government may enforce guidelines or provide guidance Besides these guidelines whenever deemed necessary, to ensure appropriate management of the port.

## Supplementary Provisions

The guidelines provided shall be enforced on April 1, 2024.

## (Appendix)



### 「Relevant Ordinance」

#### Okinawa Prefectural Ordinance on Administrative Procedures

#### 「Providing Administrative Guidance to Multiple Persons」

Article 34: In situations that organizations of the Okinawa Prefectural Government intends to provide administrative guidance to multiple persons meeting certain conditions for the fulfillment of the same administrative purpose, organizations shall, in advance, determine matters common to all such administrative guidance and publicize them, unless there are potential administrative obstacles.