



## **Access To And From Vessels Alongside in Drogheda Port**

SI 108 of 1988

(Means of Access)

Vessels Masters are reminded of their duty to comply with “Merchant Shipping (Means of Access) Regulations 1988, S.I. 108” and to provide a safe means of access between their ship and the quay. Particular attention should be paid to the following:

1. Access equipment (including safety net) is placed in position promptly after the ship has arrived and remains in position while the ship is alongside.
2. Access equipment (including safety net) is properly rigged, secured and maintained in a serviceable condition.
3. Access equipment is adjusted to maintain safe access at all stages of the tide.
4. The access area is properly illuminated.
5. A lifebuoy with self-activating light and separate safety line with quoit is provided ready for use at the access point.

Vessels failing to provide a safe means of access will be reported to Port State Control.

Moreover, it is a requirement of any person boarding or leaving the ship to use the access equipment provided and as the only safe means of access.