MUHAMMAD BIN QASIM PORT:

Lat: 24° 46’ N; Long: 67° 21’ E.

International Ship and Ports Security Compliant

Anchorage:

The anchorage has good holding ground and vessels with a draft over 11m can safely anchor 3 miles SW-W of the Fairway Buoy.

Pilotage:

Compulsory for vessels over 200 gt. Pilots board and disembark 1.5 nautical miles SW of the Fairway Lt buoy in pos 24° 33.16’ N; 67°02.91’ E, but in SW monsoon the pilots disembark in a sheltered area and lead the vessel over the bend to the approach channel.

Weather:

Visibility is very much reduced due to suspended dust during SW monsoons, and also fog or mist at dawn and at dusk in winter.

Tides:

Tidal range of 0.5 – 3.5m.

Storage:

Multi-Purpose Terminal
Covered (mq) 20000
Sheds/Warehouses 2

Airport:

Jinnah International, 30 km

Railway:

14km railway link to National Railway network through six railway tracks located immediately behind the berths.

KARACHI PORT:

Lat: 24° 50’ N; Long: 67° 0’ E

International Ship and Ports Security Compliant

Anchorage:

The safe anchorage area is marked at he Outer Anchorage where vessels can wait before entering. The datum depth at the anchorage area is approx 17m. During SW monsoon (May-September) vessels are advised to anchor 5-6 nautical miles from the breakwater. Vigilant anchor watch is necessary; prolonged anchorages' waiting is not recommended.

Pilotage:

Compulsory for all ocean-going vessels. The Harbour Pilot boards vessels day and night at least one mile S of the Fairway Buoy. Boarding ground is 4 nautical miles off the breakwater.

Tides:

Average diurnal range up to 1.5m.

Working Hours:

24h/day including overtime.

Storage:

Karachi’s open space is of 478 000 m2, and covered space of 308 000 m2.

Airport:

Quid-e-Azam International Airport.

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