

**97. Pilotage compulsory in ports**

- (1) Except as otherwise provided by the regulations, a vessel moving in a port must use pilotage services.
- (2) A person who moves a vessel in a port without it being under the control of a person approved as a pilot for the port commits an offence unless under the regulations —
  - (a) the vessel does not have to have an approved pilot; or
  - (b) the person is permitted to do so.

Penalty: \$10 000.

- (3) If a vessel is being moved in a port without it being under the control of a person approved as a pilot for the port, neither the State nor the port authority is liable for —
  - (a) any loss or damage caused by the vessel; or
  - (b) the loss of, or damage to, the vessel or a thing in or on the vessel,while the vessel is being so moved, whether or not it is being so moved by reason of an exemption under the regulations.