Designation decree on signalling during bunkering

The Harbour Master of Rotterdam,

in view of:
- Rotterdam: Article 11.7 of the 2016 Decree for the mandate, power of attorney and authorisation for Rotterdam;
- Vlaardingen: Article III of the 2013 Mandate Decree for the Harbour Master of Rotterdam;
- Schiedam: Article 3 of the 2012 Decree for the mandate, power of attorney and authorisation for the Harbour Master;
- Dordrecht: Article 4 of the Decree for the mandate, power of attorney and authorisation for the Harbour Master;
- Zwijndrecht: Article 4 of the 2011 Decree for the mandate, power of attorney and authorisation for the Harbour Master;
- Papendrecht: Article 4 of the 2011 Decree for the mandate, power of attorney and authorisation for the Harbour Master;

whereas:
- the municipal executive may adopt regulations for signalling for the bunkering of fuels or energy sources other than LNG;
- the properties of other fuels or energy sources may constitute cause for additional measures being taken;

has decided as follows:

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Article 1 Signalling during bunkering
During the bunkering of ammonia, hydrogen or hydrogen carriers, the seagoing vessel that is being bunkered or the seagoing vessel that is supplying the bunkers will display the international signal flag "B" between sunrise and sunset and an all-round bright red light between sunset and sunrise.

Article 2 Entry into force
This decree will be published in the Netherlands Government Gazette and will enter into a force on 6 January 2020.

Article 3 Citation
This decree will be referred to as: Designation decree on signalling during bunkering.

Enacted on 24 December 2019.
The municipal executives of Rotterdam, Vlaardingen, Schiedam, Dordrecht, Zwijndrecht and Papendrecht.

On their behalf, the Harbour Master of Rotterdam,

R.J. de Vries

**Explanatory note to this designation:**

*During the bunkering of an seagoing vessel, depending on the fuel or energy source, there may be risks for other users of the waterway. A number of fuels are designated accordingly in this Decree. By signalling in line with standard signals based on the Inland Waterways Police Regulations, these other vessels will be warned and they must comply with the distance requirements stated in the Inland Waterways Police Regulations.*
Pursuant to the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, an interested party may object to this decision within six weeks after announcement by submitting a notice of objection. The notice of objection must be addressed to the municipal executive of the relevant municipality where this decision applies.

That notice of objection must be signed and must contain at least:
- the name and address of the petitioner;
- date of the notice of objection;
- the grounds for the objection;
- a description of the decision against which the objection is made.

If you have submitted a notice of objection to the municipal executive of Rotterdam, Schiedam or Vlaardingen, you may submit a request for a provisional provision (including suspension) to:
Rechtbank Rotterdam, sector Bestuursrecht, Postbus 50951, 3007 BM Rotterdam.
Court fees will apply to a request of this kind.

If you have submitted a notice of objection to the municipal executive of Dordrecht, Papendrecht or Zwijndrecht, you may submit a request for a provisional provision (including suspension) to:
Rechtbank Dordrecht, sector Bestuursrecht, Postbus 7003, 3300 GC Dordrecht.
Court fees will apply to a request of this kind.

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