

**Notes of 7th Meeting of
Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee (HKFOAC)**

Date : 1 December 2023 (Friday)
 Time : 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
 Venue : Room A, 24/F, Marine Department Headquarters,
 Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central

Chairman	Mr. WONG Sai-fat	Deputy Director, Marine Department
Members	Ms. CHAN Pui-shan, Sandy	The Hong Kong Shipowners Association Limited
	Mr. AU YEUNG Kam-lung	Amalgamated Union of Seafarers, Hong Kong
	Mr. CHAN Kei-kan	COSCO Shipping Container Line Agencies Limited
	Capt. FENG Zhen	Ocean Longevity Shipping & Management Co., Ltd.
	Capt. Biju NARAYANAN	Wah Kwong Ship Management (Hong Kong) Limited
	Capt. Abhishek PRASAD	Landbridge Ship Management (HK) Ltd.
	Mr. Patrick CHEUNG	Holman Fenwick Willan
	Mr. ZHOU Lu	China Classification Society
In- attendance	Capt. Nittin HANDA	The Hong Kong Shipowners Association
	Mr. Kelvin TO	The Merchant Navy Officers' Guild – Hong Kong
MD officials	Mr. TANG Hing-Kong, Jerry	Assistant Director/ Shipping
	Mr. LIU Chiu-fai, Barry	Assistant Director/ Multi-lateral Policy

	Mr. NG Ngai-wing, Jammy	General Manager/ Seafarers and Examination
	Mr. LEE Wing-chung, Eric	General Manager/ Ship Registration & Quality
	Mr. Jorgen CHOW	Sr Surveyor/Ship Registration Services
Absent with Apology	Mr. JIAO Jie	Hong Kong Seamen's Union
	Capt. LAU Mang-tak	The Merchant Navy Officers' Guild - Hong Kong
	Ms. KOO Zin-wei, Tracy	Valles Steamship Co., Ltd.
	Capt. WANG Xiaodong	Hong Kong Ming Wah Shipping Co., Ltd
	Capt. Carlos ANTAO	Seaspan Ship Management Ltd.
	Mr. Dhingra VIKRAM	Pacific Basin Shipping (HK) Limited
	Mr. Kaushik ROY	China Energy Ship Management Co., Ltd.
	Capt. Chittur SUBRAMANIAN	Wallem Group
	Mr. CHEUNG Shun-man Manson	ABC Shipping (HK) Ltd.
	Ms KI Ying-ying Winnie	Financial Reporting Council
	Ms POON Wing-yi Wing	Public Policy Institute Our Hong Kong Foundation
Secretary	Mr. LAM Siu-chan, Teddy	Surveyor/ Quality Assurance

The Chairman welcomed all attendees of the meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Endorsement of Notes of Last Meeting (19 September 2023)

2. The Secretary reported that the draft of last meeting notes had been circulated to Members prior the meeting and no comment was received. **The Chairman** invited the floor to give comments.

3. Since Members had no objection, **the Chairman** endorsed the notes of last meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising

(i) Proposal regarding Streamlining Ship Registration Procedures of the Hong Kong Shipping Registry (HKSR); the Review of Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance, Cap. 415; and the Formulation of Incentive Measures

(a) Streamlining HKSR's Ship Registration Procedures without Legislative Amendment

4. MD presented the summary tables on Annex 1 of HKFOAC Paper No.6/2023 for streamlining ship registration procedures.

5. **Mr. Patrick CHEUNG from Holman Fenwick Willan** enquires on the possibility to accept original documents in MD's regional desks. **MD** replied that the acceptance of documents by MD officers in regional desks is one of the services currently provided.

6. **Mr. Patrick CHEUNG from Holman Fenwick Willan** stated that processing time for ship registration is a one of the concerns for ship owner choosing Hong Kong flag. **MD** presented the streamlining of HKSR procedures which do not require legislative amendment as stated in Annex 1.

(b) Review of Cap. 415

7. MD presented the list of summaries on the area proposed for the Review of Merchant Shipping (Registration) Ordinance, Cap. 415:

- i) dual registration;
- ii) sub-demise charter registration;
- iii) provisional registration;
- iv) authorized mechanism for pre-clearance of ship registration applications and supporting documents;
- v) duties of Representative Person; and
- vi) deleting those antiquated legislation such as: possessing a common seal

by a body corporate; DM to serve 90 days notice for the intention to close a ship's registration; DM to direct the Registrar not to register that ship or ships of that class or type; Registrar to endorse on the mortgage instrument the date and time of registration; "office hours" including Sat 9:00 a.m. to noon.

8. **The Chairman** summarised that a working group would be established to discuss the details of reviewing of Cap. 415.

(c) Financial Incentives Measures

9. MD presented the suggested criteria of a Financial Incentive Measures proposal as stated on Annex 2 of HKFOAC Paper No.6/2023.

10. **Ms. Sandy Chan from The Hong Kong Shipowners Association** highlighted global shipowners' concerns regarding the Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) ratings and proposed alternative fulfilling options such as the use of green fuels or adoption of green technology. **The Chairman** noted that green fuels could also be considered for CII ratings but expressed reservations about forming a panel due to past experiences, which resulted in significant manpower and workload challenges.

11. Members endorsed the Financial Incentive Measures. The Chairman addressed the members regarding the timeframe, stating that the CII green incentive scheme which require funding approval from the government is expected to be launched in the middle of next year. While the block registration incentive scheme is expected to be in place in 2025, subject to the legislative amendment progress.

Agenda Item 3: A.O.B.

12. No A.O.B was raised by the members.

13. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The date of the next meeting would be announced in due course.

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