

**Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee**

**Proposed Amendments to the**

**Merchant Shipping (Seafarers)(Working and Living Conditions) Regulation, CAP. 478AF**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on the implementation of the amendment relating to Regulation 5.1 of the Maritime Labour Convention ("MLC") 2006 approved by the International Labour Organization ("ILO") on 9 June 2016.

**Background**

2. ILO approved the 2016 amendment relating to Regulation 5.1 of the MLC 2006 on 9 June 2016 with a view to aligning the procedure for the renewal of the Maritime Labour Certificates with that followed by the IMO. It will enter into force on 8 January 2019 internationally.

**Summary of Amendments**

3. The amendment will allow an extension of not more than five months of the validity of the Maritime Labour Certificate issued for ships. This will apply in cases where the renewal inspection has been successfully completed, but a new certificate cannot immediately be issued to the ship.

**Implementation of international requirements**

4. Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) should keep in line with the international standards and implement the requirements of the latest amendments to MLC 2006 mentioned in paragraph 3 above by amending the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers)(Working and Living Conditions) Regulation CAP. 478AF.

## **Consultation**

5. Members are invited to comment on the above proposal to implement the latest MLC 2006 requirements for Hong Kong registered ships.

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Enclosures:

Annex 1: Amendments of 2016 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006

Annex 2: Merchant Shipping (Seafarers)(Working and Living Conditions) Regulation CAP.  
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