

Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee

**Issue of Hong Kong Full Term Licences to Holders of
Hong Kong Temporary Licences**

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' endorsement for issuing Hong Kong Full Term Licences to certificate of competency (CoC) holders of seven countries that have been recognized for the issue of Hong Kong Temporary Licences after the completion of the 2-year transitional period for observation of standards.

Background

2. In April 2003, the Shipping Consultative Committee (SCC) which served the key functions and responsibilities of the Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee (HKFOAC) endorsed to impose a 2-year transitional period, commenced from the date when a Hong Kong Temporary Licence was first issued, for observation before issuing full term Hong Kong licences to holders of CoCs issued by countries that have signed undertakings with Hong Kong.

3. The SCC was dissolved and replaced by the HKFOAC in 2017. As such, this issue is brought to this Committee for considerations.

Completion of the 2-year Transitional Period for Observation

4. The CoC holders of the following seven countries recognized for the issue of Hong Kong Temporary Licence have completed the 2-year transitional period:

No.	Country	Number of Hong Kong Temporary Licence issued
1	Czech Republic	4
2	Ethiopia	12
3	Fiji	19
4	Jamaica	26
5	Iceland	1
6	Marshall Islands	1
7	Dominica	3

5. As at 3 February 2021, the Seagoing Examination and Mercantile Marine Office received no adverse comments/feedbacks from ship owners/operators/ship management companies on the competency of the officers holding CoCs issued by these seven countries.

Proposal

6. It is proposed that full term Hong Kong Licences could now be issued to the CoC holders of Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, Jamaica, Iceland, Marshall Islands and Dominica.

Advice Sought

7. Members are invited to endorse the proposal in paragraph 6 above, and to provide comment where necessary.

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