

Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee
Green Incentive Scheme and application procedures
for Hong Kong-Registered Ships

Purpose

This paper informs Members about the Green Incentive Scheme (the Scheme) and the application procedures for Hong Kong-registered ships.

Background

2. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSARG) promulgated the Action Plan on Maritime and Port Development Strategy¹ on 20 December 2023 to formulate 10 strategies and 32 action measures to support the sustainable development needs of the maritime and port industry in Hong Kong, with a view to enhancing the long-term competitiveness of the industry. One of the action measures is to explore implementation of green incentive for Hong Kong-registered ships.

3. To move forward the green incentive measure and having consulted this Committee in December 2023, the Marine Department (MD) proposed the Scheme to the Government and was subsequently included in the Government's 2024-25 Budget involving about HK\$65 million in funding. In gist, the Scheme provides financial incentive for Hong Kong-registered ships that have attained high ratings under the international standards on decarbonisation formulated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Details of the Scheme and the application procedures are outlined in the ensuing paragraphs.

¹ https://www.hkmpb.gov.hk/publications/Action_Plan_on_Maritime_and_Port_Development_Strategy_web.pdf

The Scheme

4. All Hong Kong-registered ships of 5 000 GT and above in possession of a valid “Statement of Compliance – Fuel Oil Consumption Reporting and Operational Carbon Intensity Rating” (SoC) showing that the ship has attained Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) rating A or B for the respective year between 2024 and 2026 are eligible to receive HK\$20,000 on each corresponding year as specified in the SoC. That said, if a ship attains CII rating A or B throughout 3 years from 2024 to 2026, the ship may then receive a maximum incentive of HK\$60,000.

Application and payment arrangements

5. The application period opens **from 28 June 2024 to 31 December 2026**. Any ship eligible for the Scheme should submit a completed application form together with copies of supporting documents to the MD for approval. Subject to the information received, MD may request an applicant to provide further information as necessary. Whilst the application form together with the Guidance Notes and payment arrangements are detailed in **Annex 1**, please find below some important remarks for attention when applying for the incentive:

- (a) The applicant can be the shipowner, demise charterer, representative person, ship management company or ship agent, etc. No proof of authorization to the applicant is required.
- (b) The payee who receives the incentive should be the shipowner as shown in the valid Certificate of Registry (COR). In the case for ships under Demise Charter Registration, the payee should be the Demise Charterer as shown in the COR. A payee other than the shipowner or demise charterer may be considered acceptable only with strong reasons supported by document, such as a clear presence of organization and linkage

between the payee and shipowner / demise charterer, or authorization from shipowner / demise charterer, etc.

- (c) For ships with joint ownership, other owners' consent should be provided for the application submission and the payee appointed for receiving the incentive.
- (d) Depending on the actual situation, it is expected that vetting and approval of an application will normally take around three months. The eligible Hong Kong-registered ship must remain her registration with the Hong Kong Shipping Registry (HKSR) on the date the incentive is granted.
- (e) As to the eligibility of the Scheme, HKSR's decision shall be the final.

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Hong Kong Shipping Registry

Marine Department

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Annex 1 - Application Form & Statement of Compliance Specimen



香港特別行政區政府海事處
MARINE DEPARTMENT
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

綠色優惠計劃申請表

Application for Green Incentive Scheme

填寫本表格前，請參閱「填表須知」及「收集個人資料聲明」。

Please read the 'Guidance Notes' and 'Personal Data Collection Statement' before filling this form.

A. Particulars of Applicants 甲部 — 申請人資料

Applicant 申請人			
*HK Identity Card No./Company Registration No. & Business Registration Certificate (if applicable) *香港身份證號碼/公司編號及商業登記(如適用)			
Address 地址			
Tel. No. 電話號碼		Mobile Phone No. 流動電話號碼	
Fax No. 傳真號碼		Email Address 電郵地址	
Role / 身份 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tick as appropriate 請在適當方格內加上「 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 」號		<input type="checkbox"/> Ship Owner(s) 船東 <input type="checkbox"/> Demise Charterer 轉管租約承租人 <input type="checkbox"/> Representative Person 代表人 <input type="checkbox"/> Ship Management Company 船舶管理公司 <input type="checkbox"/> Ship Agent 船舶代理人 <input type="checkbox"/> Others (Please specific) 其他(請指明)_____	

* Delete where inappropriate 刪去不適用者

B. Particulars of Ships 乙部 — 船隻資料

Ship Name 船舶名稱		IMO Number 國際海事組織編號	
HK-Official No 註冊編號		Gross Tonnage 總噸位	
CII Rating (A or B) [^] 碳強度指標評級 (A 或 B) [^]		Corresponding Year ^{^^} 對應年份 ^{^^}	

[^] Please refer to item 4 of the Statement of Compliance Specimen in Annex 1 請參閱附件一符合聲明樣本的第四項

^{^^} Please refer to item 3 of the Statement of Compliance Specimen in Annex 1 請參閱附件一符合聲明樣本的第三項

C. Incentive Payment Information 丙部 — 優惠計劃支付資料

<p>Name of ship owner as shown in the Certificate of Registry** 註冊證明書上的船東名稱**</p> <p>/ Name of demise charterer as shown in the Certificate of Registry in the case of demise charter registration 註冊證明書上的轉管租約承租人名稱 (如屬轉管租約註冊船舶)</p>	<p>(Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS 請以大楷填寫)</p>
<p>Name of payee*** 收款人名稱***</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Same as above name of ship owner 與上述船東名稱相同</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Different from above name of ship owner (Please provide reason and supplementary document) 與上述船東名稱不同 (請提供原因和補充文件)</p> <p>Name of payee 收款人姓名: (Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS 請以大楷填寫)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Reason 原因: _____</p>
<p>Address for the receipt of crossed cheque by post 郵寄劃線支票的接收地址</p>	<p>(Please complete in BLOCK LETTERS 請以大楷填寫)</p>

** For ship registered as joint owners, please provide consent from other owner(s) for the application submission and the payee appointed for receiving the incentive. 如該船舶註冊為聯名船東，請提供其他船東的同意書就申請遞交和指定的收款人。

***The name of payee should be the Shipowner as shown in the Certificate of Registry. In the case of Demise Charter Registration, the name of payee should be the Demise Charterer as shown in the Certificate of Registry. MD may consider accepting a payee other than the shipowner /demise charterer only if there are strong reasons with supporting documents, such as a clear presence of organization and linkage between the payee and shipowner/demise charterer, authorization from shipowner/demise charterer, etc. Supplementary document such as Certificate of Incorporation, etc. should be provided. 收款人名稱應與註冊證明書上的船東名稱相同。如屬轉管租約註冊船舶，其收款人名稱則應為註冊證明書上所示的轉管租約承租人。只有在有充分理由並提供足夠補充文件時，海事處才會考慮接受船東/轉管租約承租人以外的收款人，如：收款人與船東/轉管租約承租人之間存在明確的組織和聯繫、船東/轉管租約承租人的授權等。需提供的補充文件包括公司註冊證書等。

D. Documents submitted 丁部 — 提交的文件

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>1. Copy of a valid Statement of Compliance – Fuel Oil Consumption Reporting and Operational Carbon Intensity Rating (Statement of Compliance) 有效的燃油消耗報告和營運碳強度評級的符合聲明(符合聲明)副本</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>2. Copy of Applicant's identification document, such as HK Identity Card / Company Registration No. & Business Registration Certificate (if applicable) 申請人身分證明文件副本，例如香港身分證/公司註冊號碼及商業登記 (如適用)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>3. Supplementary document for payee details (if applicable) 收款人補充文件 (如適用)</p>

E. Declaration 戊部 — 聲明

1. I confirm that I am authorised to make and sign this application on behalf of the ship owner. 我現確認我已獲船東授權作出此項申請。
2. I confirm that the ship in this application has not been applied for and granted this incentive for the corresponding year specified in Part B. 我現確認本申請的船舶並未就乙部中指定的對應年份申請和獲得此優惠。
3. I confirm that the valid Statement of Compliance attached in Part D has not been used to apply for and granted this incentive. 我現確認在丁部附上的有效的符合聲明未有用作申請並獲得此優惠。
4. I declare that all the information and documents given in this application are full, true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. 本人聲明就本人所知所信，在本申請表內所填報的各項資料及一併提交的文件均屬全面、真實及完整。
5. I understand that if I give false or incorrect information intentionally, or forge the submitted document, then the application will be ceased. I have to refund all the incentives received, the Government reserves the right to recover by civil action all the incentives given to me and render myself liable to legal prosecution. 本人明白如蓄意提供虛假或不正確資料，或偽造提交的文件，此申請即喪失資格接受本計劃資助。本人須退回所有已收到的優惠，同時政府保留循民事程序追回全部已給本人的優惠及對本人提出檢控。
6. I understand that the application will not be processed if I fail to provide all the requested information. 本人明白若未能按要求提供所有資料，此申請將不獲處理。
7. My acceptance of the incentive indicates my agreement to provide, where necessary, assistance and data to researches related to the Scheme conducted by the Government or its authorized agents. 若接受綠色優惠計劃即表示本人同意在有需要時提供協助及資料予政府或其授權代理人作有關本綠色優惠計劃的研究。
8. I agree that the data provided in this application can be used by the Government or other parties authorized by law for funding and administrative purposes. I am aware that subject to exemptions under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, I have a right of access and correction with respect to personal data. Request for personal data access and correction can be addressed to the Ship Registration Services Section of the Marine Department. 本人明白在本表格內所提供的資料可被政府或法例賦權的其他機構用作撥款及行政用途。本人清楚在不抵觸《個人資料(私隱)條例》的豁免條文下，本人有權要求索閱及修正個人資料。索閱及修改個人資料可向海事處船舶註冊服務組查詢。
9. I have read, understood, and undertake to comply with the following clauses:
我已閱讀、明白及會遵守下列條款：
 - i. the Government reserves the right to disqualify this application on the grounds that the Applicant has engaged, is engaging, or is reasonably believed to have engaged or be engaging in acts or activities that are likely to cause or constitute the occurrence of offences endangering national security or otherwise the exclusion of the Applicant from future applications for the Scheme is necessary in the interest of national security, or is necessary to protect the public interest of Hong Kong, public morals, public order or public safety;
政府保留權利以申請人曾經參與、正在參與或有理由相信申請人曾經或正在參與可能導致或構成發生危害國家安全罪行的行為或活動為由，取消申請人的是次申請，又或為維護國家安全，或為保障香港的公眾利益、公共道德、公共秩序或公共安全，而有必要剔除申請人日後申請本計劃的資格。
 - ii. even after the application is approved, the Government may immediately withdraw or cancel the relevant approval, and I have to repay to the Government all the monies received from the application and the Government reserves the right to recover by civil action and I may be liable to prosecution. upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
 - the Applicant has engaged or is engaging in acts or activities that are likely to constitute or cause the occurrence of offences endangering national security or which would otherwise be contrary to the interest of national security;
 - the payment of incentive to the Applicant is contrary to the interest of national security; or
 - the Government reasonably believes that any of the events mentioned above is about to occur.即使有關申請已獲批准，如果出現下列任何一種情況，政府可立即撤回或取消有關批准，本人並須退回所有就此申請已收取的款項，同時政府保留權利循民事程序追討及對本人提出檢控：
 - 申請人曾經參與或正在參與可能會構成或導致發生危害國家安全罪行或不利於國家安全的行為或活動；
 - 繼續向申請人發放優惠將不利於國家安全；或
 - 政府合理地相信上述任何一種情況將會發生。

Signature of Applicant 申請人簽署

For company, please affix the company seal/stamp 如屬公司，請加蓋公司印章。

Date

日期

For Official Use Only 本處專用

Application for incentive 申請優惠

Approved 批准

Corresponding year specified in Statement of Compliance 符合聲明中的對應年份 _____

Rejected 拒絕 (Reason 理由:) _____

Name and Signature of Authorized Officer 獲授權人員姓名及簽署

Date 日期 _____

GUIDANCE NOTES 填表須知

Please read the following Notes before completing this application form. 填寫本表格前，請參閱以下的須知事項。

General

1. The Green Incentive Scheme aims to encourage Hong Kong-registered ships that meet the international carbon reduction standards. Hong Kong-registered ships hold a valid Statement of Compliance and attain Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) rating A or B are eligible to apply.
2. Under the Scheme, each eligible ship which has submitted an application to and been granted approval from MD will receive HK\$20,000 for each successful application. The incentive is to be applied between 28-06-2024 and 31-12-2026 with a valid Statement of Compliance attached.
3. The ship has not applied this Green Incentive for the corresponding year specified in Statement of Compliance
4. The eligible Hong Kong-registered ship must remain her registration with the Hong Kong Shipping Registry (HKSR) on the date the incentive is granted.
5. The applicant can be a ship owner, demise charterer (if applicable), representative person, ship management company, ship agent or others as specified in Part A. No proof of authorization to the applicant is required.
6. The incentive will be paid in the form of a crossed cheque by post. For other payment methods, please contact this office.
7. Regarding the approval of incentive, this office reserves the right of final decision.
8. Completed application form together with copies of all supporting documents may be submitted to the Ship Registration Services Section either by post (Marine Department, Room 302, 3/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong) or e-mail (greenincentive@mardep.gov.hk). For any enquiries related to this application, please email to the above email address.
9. After receiving the application, MD will conduct document checks. Depending on the actual situation, the incentive for approved application will normally be delivered within three months.

一般事項

1. 綠色優惠計劃旨在鼓勵香港註冊船舶達到國際減碳標準。持有有效的燃油消耗報告和營運碳強度評級並達到碳強度指標 (CII) A 級或 B 級的香港註冊船舶將合資格申請。
2. 計劃下，每艘申請並成功獲批的合資格船舶將獲得港幣20,000元。此優惠措施的申請可於2024年6月28日至2026年12月31日期間提交，並需附有有效的符合聲明。
3. 船舶沒有就符合聲明中的對應年份申請此綠色優惠。
4. 合資格的香港註冊船舶必須在獲發放綠色優惠當日仍然註冊在香港船舶註冊處。
5. 申請人可以是船東、轉管租約承租人（如適用）、代表人、船舶管理公司、船舶代理人或在甲部填寫的其他人士。申請人無須提供授權證明。
6. 優惠措施將以劃線支票的形式以郵寄方式支付。如需其他付款方式，請聯絡本辦公室。
7. 關於優惠措施的審批，本處保留最終決定權。
8. 填妥後的申請表和所有證明文件副本可以郵寄（香港中環統一碼頭道 38 號海港政府大樓 3 樓 302 室）或電郵 (greenincentive@mardep.gov.hk) 方式遞交至海事處船舶註冊服務組。若對此申請有任何疑問，亦可通過上述電郵查詢。
9. 在收到申請後，本處會進行文件核對和審批。視乎實際情況，獲批的申請一般會於三個月內發放相關優惠。

Personal Data Collection Statement

1. Purposes of Collection

The personal data provided by means of this form will be used by Marine Department for the following purposes:

- (a) activities relating to the processing of your application in this form;
- (b) facilitating communication between Marine Department and yourself; and
- (c) for statistics and research purposes on the condition that the resulting statistics or results will not be made available in a form which will identify the data subjects.

2. Classes of Transferees

The personal data you provided by means of this form may be disclosed to other Government Bureaux and Departments for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

3. Access to Personal Data

You have a right of access and correction with respect to personal data as provided for in Sections 18 and 22 and Principle 6 of Schedule 1 of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance. Your right of access includes the right to obtain a copy of your personal data provided by this form.

4. Enquires

Enquiries concerning the personal data collected by means of this form, including the making of access and correction, should be addressed to:

Officer-in-charge
Ship Registration Services Section
Marine Department
Room 302, 3/F, Harbour Building
38 Pier Road, Central
Hong Kong

收集個人資料聲明

1. 收集目的

海事處會使用透過本申請表所獲得的個人資料作下列用途：

- (a) 辦理有關你在本申請表中所提出的申請的事務；
- (b) 方便海事處與你聯絡；以及
- (c) 供作統計及研究用途，但所得的統計數字或研究成果，不會以能辨識各有關的資料當事人或其中任何人的身份的形式提供。

2. 獲轉交資料的部門／人士

你透過本申請表所提供的個人資料會向其他政府部門、決策局及有關機構，以作上述第 1 段所列的用途。

3. 索閱個人資料

根據《個人資料(私隱)條例》第 18 及 22 條及附表 1 第 6 條，你有權索閱及修正你的個人資料。你的索閱權包括獲取本申請表所提供的個人資料副本一份。

4. 查詢

有關透過本申請表收集的個人資料的查詢，包括索閱及修正資料，應寄往：

香港
中環統一碼頭 38 號
海港政府大樓 3 樓 302 室
船舶註冊服務組主管

Statement of Compliance Specimen 符合聲明樣本

Appendix X

Form of Statement of Compliance – Fuel Oil Consumption Reporting and Operational Carbon Intensity rating

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE – FUEL OIL CONSUMPTION REPORTING AND OPERATIONAL CARBON INTENSITY RATING

Issued under the provisions of the Protocol of 1997, as amended, to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") under the authority of the Government of:

.....

(full designation of the country)

by.....

(full designation of the competent person or organization authorized under the provisions of the Convention)

Particulars of ship¹

1 Alternatively, the particulars of the ship may be placed horizontally in boxes.

Name of ship

Distinctive number or letters

IMO Number².....

2 In accordance with the IMO Ship Identification Number Scheme (resolution A.1117(30)).

Port of registry.....

Gross tonnage.....

Deadweight.....

Type of ship.....

THIS IS TO DECLARE THAT:

1 the ship has submitted to this Administration the data required by regulation 27 of Annex VI to the Convention, covering ship operations from (dd/mm/yyyy) to (dd/mm/yyyy);

2 the data was collected and reported in accordance with the methodology and processes set out in the ship's SEEMP that was in effect over the period from (dd/mm/yyyy) to (dd/mm/yyyy);

3 the attained annual operational CII of the ship from (dd/mm/yyyy) through (dd/mm/yyyy) was: pursuant to regulations 28.1 and 28.2 of Annex VI of the Convention, for ships to which regulation 28 applies;³

4 the annual operational carbon intensity of the ship in this period is rated as

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in accordance with regulation 28 of Annex VI to the Convention, for a ship to which regulation 28 applies³; and

³ In the event of any transfer of a ship addressed in regulations 27.4, 27.5 or 27.6, these sections should be completed consistent with regulation 28.3 of MARPOL Annex VI.

5 a corrective action plan has been developed and included in the SEEMP (for a ship to which regulation 28 applies, rated as D for three consecutive years or rated as E)*

This Statement of Compliance is valid until (dd/mm/yyyy)

Issued at

(place of issue of the Statement)

(dd/mm/yyyy):

(date of issue)

(signature of duly authorized official
issuing the Statement)

(seal or stamp of the authority, as appropriate)