

**Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee**  
**Proposed Amendments to the**  
**Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage) Regulation, CAP. 413K**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on the proposed amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage) Regulation (CAP. 413K) for the implementation of the latest amendments to MARPOL Annex IV.

**Background**

2. International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted resolutions MEPC. 274(69) and MEPC. 275(69) by setting out the amendments to MARPOL Annex IV on 22 April 2016.

**Summary of Amendments**

3. The main amendments to MARPOL Annex IV are as follows:

*3.1 MEPC. 274(69) entered into force on 1 September 2017*

(a) To amend Regulations 1, 11 and the form of certificate for the establishment of a Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV (Sewage) in the Baltic Sea. More stringent requirements shall be applied within the Special Area for discharging sewage from passenger ships that are contracted for construction or in the absence of a building contract, the construction (keel laying) commences on or after 1 June 2019. In order to meet the requirements, a passenger ship must be fitted with holding tanks or a sewage treatment system meeting the new standard. The requirements shall be applied to existing passenger ships as well from 1 June 2021.

*3.2 MEPC. 275(69) Establishment of the date on which Regulation 11.3 of MAPROL Annex IV in respect of the Baltic Sea Special Area shall take effect on*

(a) 1 June 2019 for new passenger ships.

(b) 1 June 2021 for existing passenger ships other than those specified in (c) below.

(c) 1 June 2023 for existing passenger ships en route directly to or from a port located outside special area and to or from a port located east of longitude 28°18' E within the special area that do not make any other port calls within the special area.

### **Implementation of international requirements**

4. Hong Kong Special Administration Region (HKSAR) should keep in line with the international standards and implement the requirements of the latest amendments to MARPOL Annex IV mentioned in paragraph 3 above by amending the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage) Regulation, CAP. 413K. The regulation can be found from the below website:

*<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/cap413K>*

### **Consultation**

5. Members are invited to comment on the above proposal to implement the latest MARPOL Annex IV requirements for Hong Kong registered ships.

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### Enclosures:

Annex 1 : IMO Resolutions MEPC. 274(69) Amendments to MARPOL Annex IV (Baltic Sea Special Area and Form of ISPP Certificate)

Annex 2 : Corrigendum to Annex 1

Annex 3 : IMO Resolutions MEPC. 275(69) Establishment of the date on which Regulation 11.3 of MAPROL Annex IV in respect of the Baltic Sea Special Area shall take effect