

**Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee**

**Proposal Amendments to  
Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P)**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on the proposal of amending the titled local legislation to implement the latest Amendments to Annex VI to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

**Background**

2. The 73<sup>th</sup> session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee of International Maritime Organization adopted the Resolution MEPC.305(73) (as enclosed) on 26 October 2018 to facilitate consistent and effective implementation of the 0.50% global sulphur limit in 2020.

**Summary of Amendments**

3. The main amendments to MAPROL Annex IV under MEPC.305(73) are as follows:

- (a) to prohibit the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil<sup>1</sup> for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship; and
- (b) to amend Appendix I (in the form of the Supplement to the IAPP

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<sup>1</sup> Non-compliant fuel oil means the sulphur content of the fuel oil exceeding 0.50% m/m.

Certificate) for indicating how a ship complies with sulphur content limits.

### **The Proposal**

4. In order to keep in line with the international maritime standards applicable to Hong Kong ships, we propose to amend the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap. 413P) for the timely implementation of the latest amendments to MARPOL Annex VI which is expected to be entered into force on 1 March 2020.

### **Consultation**

5. Members' comments on, if any, and endorsement of the proposal are hereby sought.

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