

**The 24th Meeting of the
High Speed Craft Consultative Committee (HSCCC)
by correspondence**

Introduction

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chairman of the HSCCC has suggested to hold the 24th Meeting of the HSCCC by correspondence (e-mail) instead of a physical meeting. The meeting by correspondence will be conducted in the second week of December 2020. An e-mail containing Annotations to the agenda will be circulating to members of the meeting. Members are invited to provide comments on this document in 10 working days. Taking the comments received from the members into account, the notes of meeting would be prepared for confirmation in the next regular meeting.

Annotations to the agenda

1. Membership of HSCCC

As the memberships of the HSCCC for 2017 to 2020 had been expired on 31 October 2020. The Chairman announces that Mr. KUI Kin-ping, Capt. TSE Yiu-wing, Tommy and Mr. CHEN Chao-cheng have been appointed to succeed Capt. HO Yuk-wai, Henry, Mr. LI Mu-yu, Mr. TSANG Man-ching. The other members of HSCCC have been re-appointed. The Chairman welcomes the new and re-appointed members to participate the 24th Meeting of HSCCC by correspondence.

2. Confirmation of Notes of Last HSCCC Meeting on 10th December 2019

Please see **Appendix 1**- Notes of the 23rd Meeting of the HSCCC on 10th December 2019 for comments.

3. Streamlining Applications of Entry and Clearance and Payment Procedures

Having considered the current mechanism for the applications of entry and clearance and payment procedure, Local Licensing and Port

Formalities Section of Marine Department (MD) has launched a new multiple clearance application mechanism since February 2020. The new mechanism permits the High Speed Craft (HSC) operators to apply for Multiple Clearance Permit once a month in stead of twice a month.

4. Arrangement for accepting e-certificates during port clearance

Local Licensing and Port Formalities Section of MD confirms that electronic certificates for port formalities can be accepted. The electronic certificate must be a certificate in an electronic format issued by an Administration or its representatives. The scanned copy of vessel certificate is not accepted as e-certificate.

5. Review on Type Rating Certificates (TRC) Revalidation Mechanism (HSCCC Paper No. 3/2019 refers)

Having reviewed the TRC Revalidation Mechanism, the Seafarers and Examination Branch of MD has launched a new risk based revalidation mechanism from first quarter of 2020 onwards. Under the new mechanism, the mandatory four yearly revalidation examination will be replaced with an approved TRC Revalidation Course. Candidates who wish to revalidate their TRC shall complete such a course before applying for revalidation. The Maritime Service Training Institute (MSTI) provides a two-day revalidation course which cost HKD 880 per person. To ensure the course quality, MD will carry out annual course monitoring, surprise check and non-intrusive onboard visits. The new mechanism has been announced to the two cross boarder HSC operators and three major maritime labour unions via MD letter 30 March 2020.

6. Casualty and Personal Accident Statistics on board HK HSC in the period from 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020

Marine Accident Investigation (MAI) Section of MD reported that the casualty and personal accidents involved Hong Kong HSC from 1st November 2019 to 31st October 2020 were in a total of 16. There were 11 and 5 within and outside Hong Kong waters respectively. Amongst them, 8 cases were related to occupational safety. All these accidents were minor in nature. There was a significantly reduction of the casualty and personal accidents. The Chairman thanks HSC

operators for their efforts and reminds them to stay vigilant on the safety matters.

7. Circulated HSCCC papers in the period from 10th December 2019 to 9th December 2020

HSCCC Paper No. 1/2020 on Marine Works for the Construction of the Hong Kong Offshore Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal and HSCCC Paper No. 2/2020 on Proposed Southern Landing Facility at West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) had been circulated for members' comments in the period from 10th December 2019 to 9th December 2020. While no adverse comment would be received from members by 10th December and 22nd December 2020 respectively, HSCCC Paper No. 1/2020 and 2/2020 would be endorsed.

8. A.O.B.

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