

Port Control Division, Marine Department

Reduction in Port Dues and Fees

Purpose

This paper seeks members' endorsement on the proposed reduction in the following fees and charges:

- (i) the port facilities and light dues charged on all ocean-going vessels; and
- (ii) the port facilities and light dues charged on all high speed passenger craft plying exclusively within the "River-trade" limits.

Background

2. High speed passenger craft plying exclusively within the "River-trade" limits and ocean-going vessels are required to pay the port fees prescribed in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313A).

3. It is Government's policy that fees and charges are in general set at a level sufficient to recover the full cost for providing the services. The Marine Department reviews the marine-related fees and charges from time to time and has implemented a number of fee reductions in the recent years as one of the measures to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong port and the maritime industry. The latest review indicated there is room to reduce certain port fees.

Proposal

4. It is proposed to reduce the fees currently charged on ocean going vessels and vessels plying within the river trade limits as follows:

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Thirteenth Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313A):

- (i) **Item 3-** Port facilities and light dues- for the use of the port facilities- **(a)** All vessels plying exclusively within the river trade limits - Per 100 tons or part thereof on each occasion of entry to the waters of Hong Kong

The fee amount is to be amended from “**23**” to “**18**”; and

- (ii) **Item 3-** Port facilities and light dues- for the use of the port facilities- **(c)** All other vessels - Per 100 tons or part thereof on each occasion of entry to the waters of Hong Kong

The fee amount is to be amended from “**54**” to “**43**”.

Action required by Members

5. Members are requested to comment and endorse the proposal in paragraph 4 above.

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