

**High Speed Craft Consultative Committee (HSCCC)**

**Proposal for Hong Kong Ships  
plying within River Trade Limits to carry First Aid Kit**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' endorsement to amend the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Medical Stores) Regulation, Cap. 478X, (the Regulation) for the carriage of first aid kit for Hong Kong ships plying within river trade limits.

**Background**

2. In pursuant to the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Medical Stores) Regulation, Cap. 478X, (the Regulation) which was enacted in 1996, Hong Kong ships plying within river trade limits are required to carry medicine and medical stores in accordance with Scale II as described at the end of Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3, Schedule 1 of the Regulation.

**The Proposal**

3. Considering that Hong Kong ships plying within river trade limits are normally less than two-hour voyage and that the plying area is covered by respective maritime authorities, the Hong Kong Marine Department (HKMD) after consultation with the Port Health when drafting legislative amendment to the Regulation is hereby proposed that the concerned ships are required to carry set(s) of first aid kit as appropriate to the number of persons carried. Contents of the proposed first aid kit are given in Annex I for reference.

**Consultation**

4. Members are requested to provide comment and endorse the proposal on or before 7 February 2014.

Shipping Division  
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