

## LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Proposed Amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules

#### Purpose

This paper seeks members' views and endorsement on the proposed additions to Schedule 2 "Endorsements on Local Certificates of Competency" of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local certificates of Competency) Rules<sup>1</sup> ("the Rules").

#### Background

2. Since the implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) effective from 2007, all endorsements made on Local Certificates of Competency ("new certificate") should be pursuant to Schedule 2 of the Rules prescribed by the Director.

3. The endorsement on the Local Certificates of Competency issued under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Cap. 281) and the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313) (former certificate) before implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) should be *de jure* carried forward to the new certificate upon conversion to a new certificate. However, some of the endorsements on the former certificates are not included on the Schedule 2 of the existing Rules. In dealing with the issue of new certificates, the Director is required to make approval on the merit of each individual case, thereby lengthening the time for issuing new certificates.

#### Proposed Amendments

4. To enhance our services, the proposed addition of the endorsements on Coxswain, Engine Operator and Pleasure vessel Operator to Schedule 2 of the Rules are tabulated at *Annex*.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub\\_services/pdf/cocrules.pdf](http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/pdf/cocrules.pdf)

## **Advice Sought**

5. Members are invited to give their views and endorse on the proposed amendments.

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<b>SCHEDULE 2</b>		
<b>ENDORSEMENTS ON LOCAL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY</b>		
Item	Local certificate of competency	Endorsements
1.	Coxswain Grade 1 Certificate	(i) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of (name, certificate of ownership number and gross tonnage of the vessel).
2.	Coxswain Grade 2 Certificate	(i) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of (name, certificate of ownership number and length overall of the vessel).
3.	Coxswain Grade 3 Certificate	(i) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the coxswain of (name, certificate of ownership number and length overall of the vessel).
4.	Engine Operator Grade 1 Certificate	(i) The holder of this certificate shall have a physically fitted person to assist him/her to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by him/her.  (ii) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of (name, certificate of ownership number and aggregate power of the vessel).
5.	Engine Operator Grade 2 Certificate	(i) The holder of this certificate shall have a physically fitted person to assist him/her to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by him/her.  (ii) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of (name, certificate of ownership number and aggregate power of the vessel).
6.	Engine Operator Grade 3 Certificate	(i) The holder of this certificate shall have a physically fitted person to assist him/her to perform duties that cannot be physically carried out by him/her.  (ii) The holder of this certificate may also act as the engine operator of (name, certificate of ownership number and aggregate power of the vessel).  (iii) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the engine operator of (name, certificate of ownership number and aggregate power of the vessel).
7.	Pleasure Vessel Operator Grade 2 certificate	(i) The holder of this certificate is restricted to act as the vessel operator of a government vessel.  (ii) The holder of this certificate may also act as the pleasure vessel operator of (name, certificate of ownership number and length overall of the vessel).