

LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Regulation 2016 on Local Vessels

Purpose

Members are invited to note this information paper pertaining to implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Regulation 2016 on local vessels.¹

Background

2. The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Regulation 2016 ('the Regulation') will come into operation on 1 October 2016 to implement the latest oil pollution control requirements set out in Annex I to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships.² Members were once consulted in October 2014 vide LVAC Paper No. 12/2014³ whereby the paper was endorsed.

3. This Regulation is applicable to all Hong Kong registered ships, foreign ships within Hong Kong waters, as well as local vessels as defined in the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance, Cap. 548.

Specific Requirements

4. Coxswains, owners/operators of local vessels are required to observe and comply with the requirements after the Regulation enters into force. Details of the Regulation can be found in the following web site:
<http://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20162016/es22016201647.pdf>.

Enquiries

5. For further enquiries, please contact Local Vessels Safety Section at 2852 4444 or by email (lvs1@mardep.gov.hk or lvs2@mardep.gov.hk).

Maritime Policy Branch
Multi-lateral Policy Division
Marine Department
June 2016

¹ See also "Legislative Council Brief: Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Regulation 2016" (http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr15-16/english/subleg/brief/2016ln047_brf.pdf)

² http://www.marpoltraining.com/MMSKOREAN/MARPOL/Annex_I/

³ http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/aboutus/pdf/lvacp12_14.pdf