

LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Delegation of Cap.413A and Cap.413P Survey Services to
Authorized Organizations**

Purpose

This paper informs members that, pursuant to the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Cap.413A) and the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Cap.413P), the Marine Department (MD) has delegated the listed Authorized Organizations ^{Note 1} as Recognized Organizations (ROs) to provide relevant survey services to local vessels (Class I, Class II and Class IV vessels).

Scope of Services

2. The scope of services provided by ROs:
 - (i) To carry out plan approval, initial and renewal surveys of local vessels (other than oil tankers and Class III vessels) of 400 gross tonnage (GT) and above, and Class II vessels that are oil tankers of 150 GT and above under Cap.413A to enable the Director of Marine to issue and endorse the Hong Kong Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (HKOPP); and
 - (ii) To carry out the initial, annual, intermediate and renewal surveys of local vessels (other than Class III vessels) of 400 GT and above under Cap.413P to enable the Director of Marine to issue and endorse the Hong Kong Air Pollution Prevention Certificate (HKAPP).
3. The above arrangements aim to provide the industry with more convenient access to the survey services offered by ROs, thus allowing vessel owners and operators with more flexibility in arranging plan approval and surveys of vessels.

^{Note 1} As at 10 May 2021, delegated Authorized Organizations included American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), Bureau Veritas (BV), China Classification Society (CCS), DNV AS, Lloyd's Register (LR) Asia and Registro Italiano Navale (RINA) Services S.p.A.

Way Forward

4. The MD will issue a Marine Department Notice to inform the trade of the new survey arrangements, which will be posted on the MD's website. The relevant parts of the Code of Practice for local vessels will also be amended as appropriate.

5. Members are invited to note the content of this paper.

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