

Pilotage Advisory Committee

Establishment of a Naval Anchorage off Stonecutters Island

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to inform members of the establishment of a Naval Anchorage off the Stonecutters Island.

Background

2. As part of the Defence Lands Agreement signed by the Chinese and British Governments at the JLG meeting held on 30 June 1994, a naval anchorage for the Garrison is to be established to the south of the Stonecutters Island to replace the existing Naval Anchorage near the former Tamar naval base off Wanchai after 1.7.1997. The operational arrangements have been finalised and agreed between the Garrison and the HKSAR Government recently.

Configuration and Operational Details

3. The boundaries and configuration of the new Naval Anchorage off Stonecutters Island was agreed by the JLG on 30 June 1994 and as shown at Annex. Its size is about the same as the one off Wanchai. The Garrison would lay four typhoon-moorings inside the anchorage for the use of their vessels. However, the anchorage will not be a restricted area and other vessels can transit through the area.

Legislative Amendment

4. Item 4 of the Seventh Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313) will be amended to give effect to the new naval anchorage. The existing naval anchorage off Wanchai will be repealed at the same time.

Presentation

5. This paper will be presented to members by Mr. C. Y. Tsang of Marine Department.

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