

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PAC Paper No. 5/99

Proposed Amendment to Pilotage Ordinance, Cap. 84 (to replace the term “Gross Registered Tonnage” with “Gross Tonnage”)

Purpose

This paper seeks members' endorsement on replacing the old term “Gross Registered Tonnage” (GRT) by “Gross Tonnage” (GT) in the Pilotage Ordinance, Cap. 84.

Background

2. In line with international practice, Hong Kong has adopted the International Tonnage Measurement of Ships since 18 July 1994. Under this new system, the terminology of GRT has become obsolete and been replaced by GT. However, the old term GRT is still being referred to in the Pilotage Ordinance, Cap. 84. It is necessary to unify the use of terminology and have the term GRT in the Ordinance amended accordingly.

Recommendation

4. Members are recommended to endorse the proposal.

Marine Department.
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