

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Acceptance of Licence (Deck Officer) Class I for the Registration of Apprentice Pilots

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' view on the acceptance of Licence (Deck Officer) Class I issued by the Hong Kong Marine Department (MD) for the registration as an apprentice pilot.

Background

2. In late 2009, the Hong Kong Pilots Association Limited enquired MD whether the Pilotage Authority would accept a permanent resident of Hong Kong who holds a valid Licence (Deck Officer) Class I issued by MD to apply for registration as an apprentice pilot.

3. In the past the Pilotage Advisory Committee has accepted a Certificate of Competency (Deck Officer) Class 1 (Master Mariner) issued by the Marine Department or the Commonwealth countries for registration as an apprentice pilot.

Advice Sought

4. Due to the shortage of Certificate of Competency (Deck Officer) Class 1 (Master Mariner) holders in the recent years, members' view is sought whether Licence (Deck Officer) Class I can be accepted for registration as an apprentice pilot.

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