

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Proposed Amendments to the Pilotage Order, Cap. 84C

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' comments on the proposed legislative amendments to Table 1 and Table 3 of Schedule 1 to the Pilotage Order, Cap. 84C to update the berths information.

Background

2. Pilotage Order, a subsidiary legislation of the Pilotage Ordinance (Cap. 84), stipulates the qualification and experience required of an applicant for pilot's licence. Schedule 1 to the Order is related to the training requirements of an apprentice pilot and the last updating of it was carried out in 1998 (**Annex I**).

3. Since the last updating in 1998, the following berths in Table 1 and Table 3 of Schedule 1 had either been de-commissioned, renamed, re-located or service discontinued:

- i. Ocean Terminal Wharf North Berth (Inner);
- ii. Sok Kwu Wan Cement Wharf;
- iii. Floating Dock (Whampao);

- iv. Yam O Floating Docks (United); and
- v. Yam O Floating Docks (Yiu Lian Nos. 3 & 5).

4. On the other hand, the following new berths had come into service since the last updating:

- i. Caltex LPG Berth;
- ii. China Resources Company No. 3 Berth;
- iii. Kwai Chung Container Terminal Berth Nos. 15 – 20;
- iv. Permanent Aviation Fuel Facility;
- v. Shiu Wing Steel Wharf; and
- vi. Yiu Lian No. 3 Floating Dock.

The problems

5. As the berths stated in paragraph 3 above are no longer available, it is impracticable for the apprentice pilot to acquire the required experience and to fulfil the legislative requirements. As an alternative, the deficiencies in the apprentice pilots' experience in those berths are compensated by comparable movements.

6. Without legislating the experience requirement for the new berths as stated in paragraph 4 above, apprentice pilots are not required to acquaint themselves with ship handling experience for the new berths. Hence, it would hamper the provision of professional pilotage services and hinder the smooth operation of the port.

Proposals

7. In order to enable apprentice pilots to acquire adequate experience in handling vessel berthing/un-berthing operations for the new berths, it is necessary to update Schedule 1 to the Pilotage Order, Cap. 84C and to enhance the training program for the apprentice pilots. It is proposed that legislative amendments should be made to Tables 1 and 3 of Schedule 1 as follows:

Table 1

- i. to delete “(Inner)” and “(Outer)” under Ocean Terminal Wharf North Berth and other berths as stated in paragraph 3 above;
- ii. to add those new berths as stated in paragraph 4 above;
- iii. to adjust the number of berthings and unberthings of a ship of any length at Kwai Chung Container Terminal Wharf Berth Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 from 3 to 2 due to the inclusion of new Berth Nos. 15 – 20; and
- iv. to add night berthing and unberthing requirement to Lamma Island Po Lo Tsui Power Station Terminal Wharf due to length of wharf had been extended and night berthings are permitted.

Table 3

- i. to add Kwai Chung Container Terminal Berth Nos. 15 – 20;
- ii. to delete “(Inner)” and “(Outer)” under Ocean Terminal Wharf North Berth; and
- iii. to add Yiu Lian Seawalls Wharf.

8. The proposed updated Table 1 and Table 3 of Schedule 1 to the Pilotage Order, Cap. 84C is attached for members' reference (**Annex II**).

Advice Sought

9. Members are requested to offer their comments on the proposed legislative amendments.

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TABLE 1

Item	Wharf/Berth/Dock	Number of Occasions
1.	Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon- Ocean Terminal Wharf- South Berth- (Inner) (Outer) North Berth- (Inner) (Outer)	4 berthings and 4 unberthings (of which 1 berthing and 1 unberthing must have commenced during the hours between sunset and sunrise) of a ship of any length at either or both of these berths, and 1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship of any length at South (Inner) or North (Inner) when another ship of any length was occupying South (Outer) or North (Outer).
2.	Kwai Chung- Container Terminal Wharf- Berth No. 1 Berth No. 2 Berth No. 3 Berth No. 4 Berth No. 5 Berth No. 8 Berth No. 9	3 berthings and 3 unberthings (of which 1 berthing and 1 unberthing must have commenced during the hours between sunset and sunrise) of a ship of any length at each berth, and 1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship exceeding 275 metres in length at each berth.
	Berth No. 6 Berth No. 7 Berth No. 10 Berth No. 11 Berth No. 12 Berth No. 13 Berth No. 14	3 berthings and 3 unberthings (of which 1 berthing and 1 unberthing must have commenced during the hours between sunset and sunrise) of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length at each berth when another ship of the same length or longer was occupying part of the berth.
3.	(Repealed L.N. 283 of 1998)	
4.	Tsing Yi Island- Petroleum Wharves- (Mobil) (Esso) (Caltex) (China Resources Company main berth) (Shell main berth)	4 berthings and 3 unberthings of a ship of any length at each wharf.

	(China Resources Company, east inner berth and west inner berth) (Shell inner LPG berth)	}	2 berthings and 2 unberthings of a ship of any length at each berth.
	H.K. United Dockyards Seawalls Wharf		1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship of any length.
	Euro-Asia Seawall Yiu Lian Seawall	}	1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship of any length at each berth.
	Floating Docks- (Whampao) (Yiu Lian No. 1)	}	2 dockings and 2 undockings of a ship of any length at one or more of these docks.
5.	Yam O Floating Docks- (United) (Yiu Lian No. 3) (Yiu Lian No. 5)	}	2 dockings and 2 undockings of a ship of any length at one or more of these docks.
6.	Lok On Pai		1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship of any length.
7.	Tap Shek Kok- Power Station Terminal Wharf		5 berthing and 5 unberthings of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length, with at least 2 of such berthings being starboard side alongside when direct inbound from Green Island.
	China Cement Company Wharf		3 berthings and 3 unberthings of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length.
8.	Lamma Island- Po Lo Tsui- Power Station Terminal Wharf		3 berthings and 3 unberthings of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length.
	Sok Kwu Wan- Cement Wharf		1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship of any length.
9.	Hong Kong Island- Kennedy Town- China Merchant Wharf		1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship of any length.
10.	Tai Po- Town Gas Wharf		1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship of any length.

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1.	Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon- Ocean Terminal Wharf- South Berth- (Inner) (Outer) North Berth (Inner) (Outer)	1 berthing at flood tide and 1 berthing at ebb tide of a ship of any length at both of these berths.
2.	Kwai Chung- Container Terminal Wharf- Berth No. 1 Berth No. 2 Berth No. 3 Berth No. 4 Berth No. 5 Berth No. 8 Berth No. 9	1 berthing of a ship of any length at each berth.
	Berth No. 5 Berth No. 6 Berth No. 7 Berth No. 10 Berth No. 11 Berth No. 12 Berth No. 13 Berth No. 14	1 berthing at flood tide and 1 berthing at ebb tide of a ship of any length at each berth.
3.	Tsing Yi Island- H.K. United Dockyards Seawalls Wharf	2 berthings and 2 unberthings of a ship of any length.

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2.	Kwai Chung- Container Terminal Wharf- Berth No. 1 Berth No. 2 Berth No. 3 Berth No. 4 Berth No. 5 Berth No. 8 Berth No. 9 Berth No. 15 Berth No. 16 Berth No. 17 Berth No. 18 Berth No. 19 Berth No. 20 Berth No. 6 Berth No. 7 Berth No. 10 Berth No. 11 Berth No. 12 Berth No. 13 Berth No. 14	<p>2 3 berthings and 2 3 unberthings (of which 1 berthing and 1 unberthing must have commenced during the hours between sunset and sunrise) of a ship of any length at each berth, and 1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship exceeding 275 metres in length at each berth.</p> <p>3 berthings and 3 unberthings (of which 1 berthing and 1 unberthing must have commenced during the hours between sunset and sunrise) of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length at each berth when another ship of the same length or longer was occupying part of the berth.</p>
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(Mobil)
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| | Permanent Aviation Fuel Facility | 3 berthings and 3 unberthings (of which 1 berthing and 1 unberthing must have commenced during the hours between sunset and sunrise) of a ship of any length; and 1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length when another ship of the same length or longer was occupying part of the berth. |
| | Shiu Wing Steel Wharf | 2 berthings and 2 unberthings of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length. |
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Po Lo Tsui-
Power Station Terminal Wharf | 3 berthings and 3 unberthings (of which 1 berthing and 1 unberthing must have commenced during the hours between sunset and sunrise) of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length; and 1 berthing and 1 unberthing of a ship exceeding 168 metres in length when another ship of the same length or longer was occupying part of the berth. |
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