



Pilotage Advisory Committee

Ref. : HQ/COM 928/19 (5)

Minutes of Working Group Meeting

Date: 29 May 2003
Venue: Conference Room A, 24/F, Harbour Building
Time: 2:30 p.m.

Present

Chairman :	Mr. SIN Tak-cheung	GM/VTS, Marine Department
Members :	Capt. Alan Loynd	Master Mariner
	Capt. WU Ka-shun	Representing Tug Operators
	Mr. WONG Yiu-kwong	Representing HK Liner Shipping Association
	Mr. MA Yan-kwong	Representing Container Terminal Operators
	Mr. LI Pok-yan	Representing Dockyard Industry
	Mr. CHEUNG Shun-hing	Representing Break Bulk Cargo Operators
	Mr. CHUI Hing-cheung	Representing Oil Terminal Operators
	Capt. SO Ying-kit	Representing HK Pilots Association Ltd.
	Capt. LAU Kam-cheong	- ditto -
	<i>(on behalf of Capt. Chan Shui-hoi)</i>	
Secretary :	Ms. Shirley HO	ADS/C&G, Marine Department

In attendance

Mr. Shum Yum-pui	HK Pilots Association Ltd
Capt. LEE Tai-kuen	Mitsui O.S.K. Line Ltd
Mr. Simon KEUNG	Maersk Sealand (HK) Ltd
Mr. C. C. FOO	-ditto-
Mr. LI Tai-fai	MO/Pilotage, MD

Absent with Apologies

Mr. YOUNG Yick-sing	HK Ship Owners Association
Mr. Richard Lancaster	Dry Bulk Cargo Operators
Capt. LI Kwan-wood	Master Mariner
Mr. Jimmy NG	Master Mariner

Mr. Terence SIT
Mr. LEE Ka-mo
Mr. FAN Wai-biu

Shipping Agents / HKGCC
AD/PC, MD
S(N)/PSC, MD

I. OPENING REMARKS

1. The Chairman welcomed all members, particularly the following-
 - Mr. WONG Yiu-kwong, newly appointed PAC member effective 1.3.2003; and
 - Capt. Lee Tai-kuen, Mr. Simon KEUNG and Mr. C C FOO, attending the WG meeting as observers.

II. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2. The minutes of last meeting held on 3 January 2003 were confirmed subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) Delete para. 3(c)(ii); and
 - (b) Amend the post meeting note of Para. 3(c)(iii) to read as “so far the Secretary has received written comments from *Capt. LEE Tai-kuen*, *Capt. Wu Ka-shun* and Capt. Alan Loynd on this subject, which were attached for members’ reference.”

III. DISCUSSION ITEM

PAC Paper No. 6/2002 “Proposed Amendments to the Berthing Guidelines”

3. Regarding PAC Paper No. 6/2002 “Proposed Amendments to the Berthing Guidelines” discussed at the previous PACWG meeting, the Chairman recapitulated that items (1), (2), (3), (10), (11), (12), (13) and (14) were supported by the WG. These were presented as PAC Paper No. 3/2003 and endorsed at the PAC meeting held on 17.1.2003. The guidelines would be amended accordingly. For items (4) to (9), the HKPA would review the comments given by various members and consider if it was necessary to refine their proposal.

4. Members also discussed the mechanism for proposing amendments to the Berthing Guidelines, especially those involving the usage of resources. The following principles were agreed among members –
- (i) The HKPA would review the Berthing Guidelines from time to time. When certain requirements in the guidelines had become outdated, either due to changes in the operating conditions or as revealed by the pilots' practical experience, the pilots would consider the need to propose amendments to the guidelines and carry out preliminary trials to assess the feasibility of such changes;
 - (ii) If the results of the preliminary trials showed that the changes were possible and reasonably required, the HKPA would inform the WG of the intention to propose amendments to the Berthing Guidelines and carry out further trials to confirm the operational feasibility; and
 - (iii) Upon completion of sufficient trials with satisfactory results, the HKPA would put up the proposed amendments, together with supporting information about the trials, for discussion at the PACWG.

PACWG Paper No. 1/2003 "Proposed Amendments to the Berthing Guidelines"

5. As some members considered that they needed more time to study the proposals, the Chairman agreed to defer discussion of the paper and asked the members to forward their comments in writing to the Secretary instead so that it could be decided if another PACWG meeting was to be arranged for further discussion of the proposals.
6. In response to Capt. Alan Loynd's suggestion to conduct a formal risk assessment for those proposals of reducing the number of tugs for berthing and unberthing operations, the Chairman advised that the Marine Department had just commissioned a consultancy study on marine activities and risk assessment for

Hong Kong waters. He would discuss with the consultants to explore the possibility to include this task in the study.

(Post meeting note: The Secretary has received comments from 8 members, among which 6 members endorsed the paper. A summary of the comments received is attached for members' reference.)

III. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:30 p.m. The date of next meeting would be announced in due course.