

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Application for Total Tugage Exemption for M.T. "Sunrise Lily"

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' view on the application from the owner of M.T. "Sunrise Lily" requesting total tugage exemption for the vessel berthing/unberthing at Sha Chau Oil Terminal.

2. M.T. "Sunrise Lily" is a regular caller to Hong Kong carrying aviation fuel to the Sha Chau Oil Terminal. Her gross tonnage is 4215 and LOA is 110 metres. She is fitted with a 840 HP bowthruster.

3. The owner applied for tugage exemption for berthing/unberthing at the Sha Chau Oil Terminal in 1999. Pilotage Authority in consultation with PAC, granted exemption to M.T. "Sunrise Lily" ie that the vessel could employ at least one Grade II tug for berthing/unberthing at Sha Chau Oil Terminal in February 2000 after a series of berthing trials.

3. The owner now applies again for total tugage exemption to be granted to M.V. "Sunrise Lily" after a year of continuous operation at Sha Chau Oil Terminal. He alleged that pilots and crew have gain sufficient experience over the period to operate the vessel without tug assistance.

5. This paper is to seek PAC Working Group members' view on whether such application should be considered.