

Working Group of Pilotage Advisory Committee

Suspension of Ma Wan Night Transit for Bulker and Tanker

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' advice on the announcement made by the Hong Kong Pilots Association Limited (HKPAL) on 15 January 2010 concerning the immediate temporary suspension of Ma Wan night transit for bulker and tanker with length overall (LOA) over 198m to 230m.

Background

2. On 5 September 2003, PAC endorsed HKPAL's proposal of bulker and tanker with LOA over 198m to 230m with draft less than 12.5m to transit Ma Wan at night. On 15 January 2010, HKPAL informed Marine Department (MD) that with immediate effect, night transit Mawan for bulker and tanker of any draft with LOA over 198m to 230m would be temporary suspended until further notice.

3. According to the current practice, any change to the existing berthing guidelines would be discussed at the PAC Working Group and endorsed by PAC before coming into effect. However, under paragraph 8 of the General Remarks in Chapter 2 of the BGL, it stipulates, "*All entries in these Guidelines are subject to change without notice.*"

Advice Sought

4. In view of the above suspension of service will affect the vessels bounding for Shekou and Chi Wan, members are requested to give their views/comments on this matter.

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