

## PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### **Working Group meeting to be held on 25 April 2001**

#### **(i) Minimum Clearance between Vessels at Berth in Kwai Chung Container Port**

#### **(ii) Tug Escort from Green Island**

In the PAC Working Group meeting held on 9 March 2001, Hong Kong Pilots Association proposed a sliding scale clearance system based on ship's length for clearance between vessels in Kwai Chung Container Port. Members generally agreed that a standard clearance was necessary to avoid dispute between pilots and terminal operators or shipping agents. It was agreed that the proposed sliding scale would form the base for further discussion.

2. Marine Department opines that a clearance of 25 metres at odd corners between Berth 1&5, between Berth 6&7 outer-foul and 10&11 outer-foul should be maintained for vessels of all length for safety reason. The clearance at other berths is open for discussion at this Working Group meeting.

3. Apart from discussion on the berthing clearance, members' views will also be sought if conditions still prevail the necessity to retain tug escort service from Green Island for certain type of inbound vessel as stipulated in the Berthing Guidelines.