

## Minutes of the 67th POC Meeting

**Date:** 3 March 2016 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 1100 hours  
**Venue:** Room A, 24/F, MD Headquarters

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<b>Present</b>	Ms. Maisie CHENG	Chair
	Mr. Danny YEUNG	HK Pilots Association (HKPA)
	Ms. Kimmy TO	HK Liner Shipping Association (HKLSA)
	Mr. Keith KONG (on behalf of Ms. Cecilia CHAN)	Oil Industry Representative Committee (OIRC)
	Mr. Bob HUI (on behalf of Mr. Edward TANG)	HK General Chamber of Commerce (HKGCC)
	Mr. T.K. CHEUNG	HK & Kowloon Motor Boats & Tug Boats Association (HKMBTA)
	Mr. Jerry LO	Dockyard and Harbour Tug Operators (DHTO)
	Mr. Ron CHAN	HK Shippers' Council (HKSC)
	Mr. H.Y. YIM	HK Cargo Vessel Traders' Association (HKCVTA)
	Mr. Benny LEUNG (on behalf of Mr. Franco NING)	HK Container Terminal Operators Association (HKCTOA)
	Mr. Sunny CHEUNG	HK Mid-Stream Operators Association (HKMSOA)
	Mr. Michael LAU	Cruise Terminal Operators (CTO)

Mr. C.K. WAN	Cross-boundary High Speed Ferry Operators (CBHSFO)
Ms. Iris MAK	Individual
Mr. W. ZHOU	HK Shipowners Association (HKSA)
Ms. Joey LAM	Transport & Housing Bureau (THB)
Mr. Gordon PEI (on behalf of Mr. Francis LEE)	Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD)
Mr. C.T. LAI	Marine Department (MD)
Mr. M.S. CHAN (on behalf of Mr. Simon HO)	Secretariat

**In Attendance**

Mr. Y.M. CHENG	MD
Mr. F.O. MAK	MD
Mr. W.H. WONG	MD
Mr. Tony CHAN	MD
Mr. Calvin WONG	MD
Mr. Tony LI	MD
Mr. Ivan SHUEN	THB
Mr. David LAM	Planning Department (PlanD)
Mr. Kenneth YEUNG	PlanD

Mr. Freddie TSANG	CEDD
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Mr. Carlos FUNG	
Mr. Stephen LAI	AECOM Asia Co. Ltd. (AECOM)
Ms. Janice TAM	AECOM
Mr. Tony PANG	Highways Department (HyD)
Mr. Alan CHAN	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD)
Dr. Y.M. MAK	AFCD
Ms. H.Y. LI	AFCD
Mr. Terence LEUNG	Ove Arup & Partners HK Ltd (ARUP)
Ms. Jessica SIN	ARUP

**Absent with Apologies**

Mr. Jimmy NG	Individual
Mr. Simon HO	Secretariat

**1. Opening**

1.1 **The Chair** introduced her new participation in the meeting and welcomed the following new Members to the meeting:

- Ms. Kimmy TO representing HK Liner Shipping Association;
- Ms. Joey LAM representing Transport & Housing Bureau;

- Mr. M.S. CHAN representing Secretariat;  
(on behalf of Mr. Simon HO)

## **2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 66th Meeting held on 14 May 2015**

- 2.1 As no amendment had been proposed by Members, the minutes of the 66th POC Meeting were confirmed.

## **3. Matters arising from the 66th Meeting**

### **3.1 Amendment to SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 2 – Cargo Information – Weighing of Containers.**

- 3.1.1 **The Chair** proposed and Members agreed to discuss the issue under Agenda Item 4.3.

### **3.2 Dredging for Kwai Tsing Container Basin (KTCB) and Approach Channel**

- 3.2.1 **Mr. Gordon PEI** (CEDD) reported that the contractor had commenced the physical dredging works at the Western Fairway, the Kwai Tsing Container Basin (KTCB) and the Northern Fairway in April, August and December 2014 respectively. With minor trimming of high spots scheduled to be completed in February 2016, the handing over procedure of the Western Fairway would commence shortly. Similarly, the handing over procedure of the Northern Fairway was scheduled to commence in March/April 2016. The dredging works at the KTCB were anticipated to be substantially completed in April 2016. Minor trimming of high spots at KTCB would then be carried out and the handing over of completed works was scheduled for mid of 2016.

### **3.3 Marine Traffic Impact Assessment of the Sha Tin to Central Link (SCL) Construction**

3.3.1 **The Chair** provided an update on the major marine development aspect of the project after the last meeting. Members were advised that dredging works had been commenced in November 2015, both Marine Management Task Force (MMTF) meeting and Marine Management Working Group (MMWG) meeting had been conducted in January 2016 for the Contractor to closely liaise with relevant stakeholders.

#### 3.4 **Government Actions on Enhancing Hong Kong Port's Competitiveness – Response to the Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association White Paper**

3.4.1 **Mr. Ivan SHUEN** reported that:

- (i) Further to the last POC meeting, THB issued a consultation document, entitled "Proposals for Enhancing the Use of Port Back-up Land in Kwai Tsing", in June 2015. The document put forth proposals aimed at achieving better usage of port back-up land around the KTCTs areas, and in particular, at addressing the issue of port congestion at KTCTs; and
- (ii) The document also recommended that some port back-up sites located immediately adjacent to existing container terminals be integrated into KTCTs for storage yards or barge berths, the management of Short Term Tenancy (STT) sites be refined to meet the operational needs of logistics SMEs as far as possible (e.g. extending the fixed term of STTs for container storage or cargo handling use from the existing 3 or 5 years to 7-years where appropriate), and to optimise the use and efficiency of port back-up land in the long term by exploring the feasibility of developing multi-storey facilities for parking of container vehicles and goods vehicles or for cargo handling and container storage. Given the generally positive feedback from the consultation exercise, as well as the support of the Hong Kong Port Development Council, THB was taking forward the proposed measures by phases.

#### 4. New Items

##### 4.1 POC Paper No. 1/2016

##### **Planning and Engineering Study for Tuen Mun Areas 40 and 46 and the Adjoining Areas**

4.1.1 **Mr. David LAM** (PlanD) introduced the background and **Mr. Stephen LAI** (Consultant – AECOM) presented the paper.

4.1.2 **The Chair** enquired and **Mr. Stephen LAI** responded that, according to HyD's preliminary programme, subject to support by local residents and Tuen Mun District Council, the proposed Tuen Mun Western Bypass (TMWB) was tentatively targeted to be completed in 2026. **Mr. Tony LI** (MD) asked about the Potential Development Area C (PDA-C) pertaining to its marine development. **Mr. David LAM** supplemented that there were current users in PDA-C which would be duly considered in formulating the development proposals. Suggestions on future uses of the PDA-C had been received in the Stage 1 Community Engagement of the Study and would be taken into account at the next stage of the Study.

4.1.3 Members had no further comment on this subject.

##### 4.2 POC Paper No. 2/2016

##### **Installation of Boundary Buoys and Zoning Buoys for the Proposed Brothers Marine Park (BMP)**

4.2.1 **Mr. Alan CHAN** (AFCD) briefly introduced the project background and study objectives. **Mr. Terrence LEUNG** (Consultant – ARUP) gave a presentation on this paper.

4.2.2 **Mr. T.K. CHEUNG** (HKMBTA) questioned if Cap 476 & 476A would limit the speed of local vessels within the BMP. **Mr. Alan CHAN** responded that all vessels were permitted to navigate within the BMP as long as the limiting 10 knots speed was not violated. **Mr. Terence LEUNG** supplemented that both operators of EPD North Lantau Refuse Transfer Station and WSD Liquid Chlorine Trans-shipment Dock at Sham Shui Kok had no comment on the proposed BMP arrangement. **Mr. Alan CHAN** added that HyD was the project proponent; CEDD, AFCD and MD were members of the Study Steering Group to provide advice to HyD on the findings and recommendations arising from the Detailed Study of the Brothers Marine Park.

4.2.3 Members had no further comment on this subject.

#### 4.3 **POC Paper No.3/2016**

##### **Implementation of the SOLAS Chapter VI, Regulation 2 – Verification of Gross Mass of a Container with Cargo Packed in Hong Kong**

4.3.1 **Mr. F.O. MAK** (MD) presented the paper and introduced the implementation of the verification of gross mass (VGM) requirement in Hong Kong on 1 July 2016.

4.3.2 **Mr. Benny LEUNG** (HKCTOA) said HKCTOA gave letter to MD in February 2016 on enquiries of subject weighing matters. After receiving an MD's reply earlier, there were unclear matters for implementation such as the tolerance of +/-5% for light cargoes, content and scope of trial run, and the declaration & registration of Method 2. **The Chair** responded that a trial run was proposed to be conducted with a view to allowing all stakeholders to rehearse the associated matters and clear up any hiccup before formal implementation in July 2016. **Mr. Y.M. CHENG** (MD) further explained that the tolerance for light cargoes would be kept in view for giving an acceptable allowance. Regarding the trial run, invitation letters with details would be sent to shippers in due course. As for cargo weight calculation, straight forward calculation template would be used by shippers as guidance.

4.3.3 **Ms. Kimmy TO** (HKLSA) asked and **Mr. Y.M. CHENG** (MD) responded that:

- (i) proper documentation would show the VGM figure and the shippers' declaration while shipping companies were not liable for the verification of the details shown in the documentation; and
- (ii) as regards Method 1 for VGM, the authorized weighing scales were not readily available in all container terminals (e.g. COSCO-HIT). Shippers should ensure that the container mass documentation complied with the IMO requirement, while MD would endeavor to proceed with a view to meeting the trade needs by approving more authorized weighing scales.

**The Chair** added that documentation for VGM was of paramount importance to ensure compliance with IMO requirement, hence proper weighing and full documents were crucial prior to shipment. To uphold the reputation and efficiency of the Hong Kong port, the trade's comments to MD were welcome to streamline the new arrangements in particular during the aforesaid trial run.

4.3.4 **Mr. Sunny CHEUNG** (HKMSOA) enquired and **Mr. Y.M. CHENG** (MD) replied that the requirement would apply to all containers packed in Hong Kong for exporting internationally by sea. Transshipment containers, including non-weighing mid-stream operation, would not be affected as the China MSA would do all the VGM documents.

4.3.5 **Mr. Ron CHAN** (HKSC) expressed the uncertainties of the trade. **The Chair** responded that trade representatives attending various consultative meetings convened by MD were requested to help disseminate to their concerned parties promptly on relevant information. To alleviate the communication gap, it would certainly help the concerned parties on detailed understanding of the subject through the seminars and the trial run process.



4.3.6 **Mr. W. ZHOU** (HKSA) questioned on the penalty of misrepresentation in the declaration and **Mr. Y.M. CHENG** (MD) replied that there was penalty although the Guidelines in Annex I did not mention it.

4.3.7 **Mr. Benny LEUNG** (HKCTOA) asked further and **Mr. Y.M. CHENG** (MD) responded that MD would conduct seminars to the industry prior to the trial run. As for VGM, there was no indication at the current stage on the percentage use of Method 1 and Method 2; however, the summation of all masses in Method 2 was appeared to be more preferable than Method 1.

4.3.8 Members had no further comment on this subject.

#### 4.4 **POC Paper No.4/2016**

##### **Revision to Vessel Traffic Services Procedures and Re-delineation of Very High Frequency Sectors**

4.4.1 **Mr. W.H. WONG** (MD) presented the paper and sought Members' comments on the proposals (i) to streamline the Vessel Traffic Services ('VTS') reporting procedures; (ii) to reduce the number of reporting points; and (iii) to re-demarcate Very High Frequency ('VHF') sectors.

4.4.2 **Mr. C.K. WAN** (CBHSFO) queried and **Mr. W.H. WONG** (MD) explained that the implementation time of two additional VHF Channels and re-demarcation of VHF Sectors was hinged on the progress of legislative amendment and availability of manpower resources. When ready, MD would inform the industry in advance by means of Marine Department Notice promulgation and regular safety seminar. As for ocean going vessels, MD would maintain close liaison with HKPA at all times.

4.4.3 Members had no further comments and the proposal was endorsed.

#### 4.5 **POC Paper No.5/2016**

##### **Review on the Public Cargo Working Areas ("PCWA") – Findings and Recommendations**

4.5.1 **Mr. Calvin WONG** (MD) presented the paper to Members on the findings and recommendations of the Task Force (“TF”) on the Comprehensive Review on Pertinent Issues relating to the Operation and Management of Public Cargo Working Areas (“Review”).

4.5.2 **The Chair** said MD would brief the relevant Panel of the Legislative Council and the relevant District Councils of the findings and recommendations of the Review in March 2016. Also, MD aimed at carrying out the first round of tender exercise for the reallocation of PCWA berths under the new tenure of Berth Licence Agreements in April 2016. With these said, **the Chair** welcomed Members’ views on the findings and recommendations of the Review before March 2016 to cope with the aforesaid timeline.

4.5.3 Members had no further comments.

## **5. Any Other Business**

5.1 There was no other business.

## **6. Date of Next Meeting**

To be advised.

## **7. Closing**

The meeting closed at 1245 hours.

**The minutes of the meeting were confirmed on 24 January 2017.**