

PORT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Revision in Port Dues and Fees

PURPOSE

This paper seeks members' endorsement on the proposed revision of the following fees and charges:

- (i) the port facilities and light dues charged on all ocean-going vessels;
- (ii) the port facilities and light dues charged on all high speed passenger craft plying exclusively within the river-trade limits;
- (iii) the permit to remain fees - Single Entry Permit charged on paragraph (e) vessel, i.e. river trade vessels (RTVs); and
- (iv) the permit to remain fees - Multiple Entry Permit charged on RTVs.

BACKGROUND

2. Under the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313A), high speed passenger craft plying exclusively within the "River-trade" limits and ocean-going vessels are required to pay the port dues and fees prescribed in the Thirteenth Schedule to Cap. 313A on each occasion of entry to the waters of Hong Kong.

3. Under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548F), a RTV entered Hong Kong shall obtain a "Permit to Remain" for remaining in the waters of Hong Kong. There are two kinds of permit to remain, one is single entry permit (SEP) which is valid for seven days and used for one trip only; and the other is multiple entry permit (MEP) which is valid for one month and could be used for 10 trips. The fees to be paid for the two kinds of permit to remain are prescribed respectively in the Second Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 548J).

4. It is Government's policy that fees and charges are in general set at a level sufficient to recover the full cost for providing the services. The Marine Department

reviews the marine-related fees and charges with respect to their related costs from time to time. The results of review may lead to increase, decrease or no change to the fees under review. While the latest review indicated that it is necessary to revise certain fees and charges to improve the cost recovery rate due to the increase of costs over the years since the last review.

PROPOSAL

5. It is proposed to revise the fees and charges as follows:

Fee Items	Revised Fee	Existing Fee	Last Review Year
port facilities and light dues - High Speed Craft	\$20/100 tons	\$18/100 tons	2011
port facilities and light dues - Ocean Going Vessels	\$49/100 tons	\$43/100 tons	2011
permit to remain fees - Single Entry Permit	\$925 (first 400m ²)	\$820 (first 400m ²)	No change since introduction in 2007
	\$2.5 (each m ² thereafter)	\$2.2 (each m ² thereafter)	
permit to remain fees - Multiple Entry Permit	\$4,630 (first 400m ²)	\$4,100 (first 400m ²)	
	\$12 (each m ² thereafter)	\$11 (each m ² thereafter)	

ACTION REQUIRED

6. Members are requested to comment and endorse the proposal in paragraph 5 above.

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