

For discussion
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Legislative Council Panel on Economic Services

Pilotage Ordinance (Chapter 84) Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order 2005

Introduction

This paper briefs Members on the proposed Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order 2005 (Order), which seeks to increase pilotage dues agreed between the provider and users of pilotage services.

Background

2. Pilotage dues are commercial fees charged by licensed pilots for the provision of pilotage services. The fee levels are periodically reviewed by the Hong Kong Liner Shipping Association (HKLSA), representing shipping lines, and the Hong Kong Pilots Association (HKPA). The latest review recommends increases in certain pilotage dues.

3. Section 22 of the Pilotage Ordinance (Cap. 84) empowers the Pilotage Authority, who is the Director of Marine, to set the amount of pilotage dues by order published in the Gazette after consultation with the Pilotage Advisory Committee.

Proposal

4. The proposed revisions of pilotage dues are set out in **Annex**. They reflect the agreement between the HKPA as the service provider and HKLSA as service users, and endorsed by the Pilotage Advisory Committee in April 2005.

5. Subject to Members' support, we plan to gazette the Order on 30 June 2005 and table it at the Legislative Council on 6 July 2005. Subject to negative vetting, we envisage that the new fees will take effect from mid-November 2005.

Views sought

6. Members are invited to note the proposed revisions and support the making of the Order.

Economic Development and Labour Bureau
17 June 2005

Proposed Revision of Pilotage Dues

<u>Item</u>	<u>Existing dues</u>	<u>Proposed dues</u>	<u>Percentage increase</u>
(a) basic pilotage due	\$3,500	\$3,650	4.3%
(b) additional due per ton of ship			
(i) for ships of 30000 to 60000 tons	\$0.06 (subject to minimum charge of \$1,950)	\$0.0625 (subject to minimum charge of \$1,950)	4.2% (minimum charge - no change)
(ii) for ships of more than 60000 tons	\$0.0575 (subject to a minimum charge of \$3,600)	\$0.06 (subject to a minimum charge of \$3,750)	4.4% (minimum charge - 4.2%)
(c) additional due for boarding or disembarking from a ship off Ngan Chau or at the west of Lamma Island	\$1,800	\$1,900	5.6%
(d) additional due for boarding or disembarking from a ship west of a straight line drawn from Pearl Island to East Brother Island	\$1,900	\$2,000	5.3%

<u>Item</u>	<u>Existing dues</u>	<u>Proposed dues</u>	<u>Percentage increase</u>
(e) new additional due for boarding or disembarking from a ship north of a straight line drawn from Black Point to Lung Kwu Chau Light	N/A	\$1,250	N/A
(f) additional due for detention of pilots			
(i) for the 1 st hour	\$900 per half hour	\$1,200 per half hour	33.3%
(ii) for the 2 nd hour	\$900 per hour	\$1,200 per hour	33.3%
(iii) for further period of detention	\$950 per hour	\$1,200 per hour	26.3%
(g) due for cancellation of engagement			
(i) for service at Tolo Harbour or at the west of East Brother Island	\$3,500 (charged if cancellation is done within 1 hour before the last stated time of requirement)	\$3,650 (charged if cancellation is done within 1.5 hours before the last stated time of requirement)	4.3% (plus lengthening of notice time required for cancellation)
(ii) for service elsewhere		\$3,650 (charged if cancellation is done within 1 hour before the last stated time of requirement)	4.3%