

**Bills Committee on
Bunker Oil Pollution (Liability and Compensation) Bill**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 28 September 2009**

1. In response to members' concern about the power of the Director of Marine (the Director) to grant exemptions under clause 23 to any person or ship from the application of any provision of clause 13 or 14, the Administration was requested to provide information on the mechanism to ensure that such exemption would be granted only if necessary and under stringent considerations and practices, including that only the Director (or the Acting Director) could give the exemption.
2. Regarding the service of notice under clause 30, the Administration was requested to include reference to the application of the Electronic Transactions Ordinance (ETO) (Cap. 553) on the way a notice or other document required or permitted to be served or sent under the Bill was to be regarded as having been duly served or sent.
3. Regarding the proposed regulation on fees to be made pursuant to clause 33, the Administration was requested to consider lowering the proposed level of application fee of HK\$535 for the insurance certificate to be issued by the Director, and to include in the paper to the Panel on Economic Development the application fees payable in other jurisdictions.
4. The Administration was requested to clarify how "the owner" of a vessel could be traced and identified if no person was registered as the owner of the vessel (clause 39).

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