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Background brief on pilotage dues

Purpose

This paper provides background information on the charging of pilotage dues for pilotage services and views expressed by the Panel on Economic Development on related issues.

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) representing the pilots. 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.

Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order 2008

3. During a review in December 2007, HKLSA and HKPA agreed to increase the basic pilotage due and the due for cancellation of engagement by 12.3% from \$3,650 to \$4,100 and cap the additional due per ton of ship for ships of more than 60 000 tons at \$7,200. In January 2008, the Pilotage Advisory Committee endorsed the proposed revisions as set out in **the Appendix**.

4. The Administration briefed the Panel on the above revisions at the meeting on 17 March 2008. Members noted that capping the additional due per ton of ship would help attract more mega vessels to come to Hong Kong and facilitate their cost computation. The Pilotage (Dues) Amendment Order 2008 was tabled at the Council meeting on 9 April 2008 and came into operation on 1 June 2008.

Latest development

5. In view of the global financial turmoil, the pilotage service users and service provider representatives have recently reached a consensus to lower the additional pilotage due for a period of 18 months. The Administration will brief the Panel on Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order 2009 at the meeting on 16 November 2009. It intends to table the subsidiary legislation at a Council meeting in early December 2009.

References

Administration's paper on Pilotage Ordinance (Cap. 84) Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order 2008

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/es/papers/edev0317cb1-1030-4-e.pdf>

Minutes of the Panel meeting on 17 March 2008

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr07-08/english/panels/es/minutes/ev080317.pdf>

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Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order 2008

Item	Existing dues	Proposed dues	Percentage increase
(a) basic pilotage due	\$3,650	\$4,100	12.3%
(b) additional due per ton of ship			
(i) for ships of less than 30000 tons	\$0.065	\$0.065	-
(ii) for ships of 30000 to 60000 tons	\$0.0625 (subject to a minimum charge of \$1,950)	\$0.0625 (subject to a minimum charge of \$1,950)	-
(iii) for ships of more than 60000 tons	\$0.06 (subject to a minimum charge of \$3,750)	\$0.06 (subject to a minimum charge of \$3,750; and a maximum charge of \$7,200)	-
(c) due for cancellation of engagement			
(i) for service at Tolo Harbour or at the west of East Brother Island	\$3,650 (charged if cancellation is done within 1.5 hours before the last stated time of requirement)	\$4,100 (charged if cancellation is done within 1.5 hours before the last stated time of requirement)	12.3%
(ii) for service elsewhere	\$3,650 (charged if cancellation is done within 1 hour before the last stated time of requirement)	\$4,100 (charged if cancellation is done within 1 hour before the last stated time of requirement)	12.3%