

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2013
(Ord. No.2 of 2013)

Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 (Commencement) Notice

INTRODUCTION

This paper serves to inform Members that the Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 (Commencement) Notice (at **Annex**) will be published in the Gazette on 30 August 2013.

BACKGROUND

2. The Pilotage (Amendment) Bill 2013 was passed by this Council on 22 May 2013. The Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 (Ord. No.2 of 2013) (the Amendment Ordinance) was published in the Gazette on 31 May 2013.

3. The Amendment Ordinance has revised and updated a number of provisions in the Pilotage Ordinance (Cap. 84) (the Ordinance) and its subsidiary legislation to better meet the operational needs of the shipping industry as well as the pilotage sector in the light of past experience. Section 5 of the Amendment Ordinance has added a new subsection (5) to section 10D of the Ordinance to provide that an applicant for an exemption from compulsory pilotage must pay a prescribed fee to the Marine Department (MD) if an officer of MD has visited a ship or other site in

considering whether or not to grant the exemption. Section 5 of the Amendment Ordinance is to come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Transport and Housing (STH) by notice published in the Gazette.

4. To prescribe the fee for the purpose of the new subsection 10D(5) of the Ordinance, the Pilotage (Amendment) Regulation 2013¹ (the Amendment Regulation) will be published in the Gazette on 30 August 2013. We propose that section 5 of the Amendment Ordinance and the Amendment Regulation should both come into operation on 1 December 2013, after expiry of the negative vetting periods of the Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 (Commencement) Notice and the Amendment Regulation.

THE NOTICE

5. Under section 1(3) of the Amendment Ordinance, STH has appointed 1 December 2013 as the day on which section 5 of the Amendment Ordinance comes into operation via the Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 (Commencement) Notice. The Notice will be published in the Gazette on 30 August 2013.

ENQUIRIES

6. Any enquiries on this brief can be addressed to Mr. Desmond Wong, Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) (Tel: 3509 8261).

Transport and Housing Bureau

28 August 2013

¹ LegCo Brief on the Amendment Regulation was issued on 28 August 2013.

**Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2013
(Commencement) Notice**

Under section 1(3) of the Pilotage (Amendment) Ordinance 2013 (2 of 2013), I appoint 1 December 2013 as the day on which section 5 of the Ordinance comes into operation.

Acting Secretary for Transport and
Housing

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