

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Shipping and Port Control Ordinance(Cap. 313)

SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT OF SEVENTH SCHEDULE) NOTICE 2014

INTRODUCTION

A This paper briefs Members on the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Amendment of Seventh Schedule) Notice 2014 (the Notice) at **Annex A**. The Notice is made by the Director of Marine under regulation 72(1) of the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg. A) (the Regulations) to amend the Seventh Schedule to the Regulations.

JUSTIFICATIONS

Present Position

2. In Hong Kong, there are two quarantine anchorages established for shipping and port control administration to facilitate safe navigation of vessels and for conducting health clearance for all vessels entering and leaving the waters of Hong Kong. They are namely the Eastern Quarantine Anchorage (EQA) and Western Quarantine Anchorage. The designation and specification of these quarantine anchorages are set out in the Seventh Schedule to the Regulations.

Need for Amendment and the Proposal

B 3. The EQA is located at the north of Hung Hom Fairway occupying an area of around 37 hectares (ha) as shown in the drawing at **Annex B**. The EQA as presently located will overlap with the future vessel manoeuvring basin of the second berth of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal (KTCT). With construction works now in the final stage, the second berth is planned to be commissioned in 2014. To provide adequate manoeuvring water space for cruise vessels to safely navigate to and from the second berth of KTCT, we propose to make a minor realignment of the boundary of EQA by amending the coordinates

demarcating the EQA as contained in the Seventh Schedule to the Regulations. A drawing showing both the existing and the proposed boundaries of EQA is at **Annex C**. The defined area of the EQA will remain the same as the existing one after realignment and will continue to accommodate the same number of ships for anchoring without affecting the daily operation within existing fairways (i.e. Hung Hom and Eastern Fairway).

Concurrent Amendments to Other Legislation

4. As the EQA has also been destined as the Eastern Immigration Anchorage (EIA)¹ in the same location, the Security Bureau will propose a similar amendment to the boundary of the EIA by amending the First Schedule to the Immigration (Anchorage and Landing Places) Order (Cap. 115C).

THE NOTICE

5. The Notice amends the Seventh Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg. A) to make minor adjustment to the boundaries of the EQA.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

6. The Notice will be published in the Gazette on 4 April 2014 and tabled at the Legislative Council on 9 April 2014.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSAL

7. The Notice has no financial, civil service, productivity, economic, family, environment or sustainability implications. It is in conformity with the Basic Law, including provisions concerning human rights. It will not affect the current binding effect of the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

8. The Port Operations Committee, the Local Vessels Advisory Committee, and the Pilotage Advisory Committee were consulted and endorsed the proposal. An information note was issued in March 2014 to brief Members of the Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development on the proposal.

¹ The EIA is for conducting immigration clearance for vessels visiting Hong Kong.

PUBLICITY

9. A press release will be issued on 2 April 2014. A spokesman will be available to handle enquiries.

ENQUIRIES

10. Any enquiries on this brief could be addressed to Mr. H.C. Chiu, Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport) (Tel : 3509 8261) or Mr. Adrian Chan, Senior Marine Officer (Tel : 2852 4350).

**Transport and Housing Bureau
April 2014**

**Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Amendment of
Seventh Schedule) Notice 2014**

(Made by the Director of Marine under regulation 72(1) of the Shipping and
Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg. A))

1. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on 1 June 2014.

2. Shipping and Port Control Regulations amended

The Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg. A)
are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Seventh Schedule (special anchorages)

Seventh Schedule, item 1—

Repeal paragraph (a)

Substitute

“(a) Eastern Quarantine Anchorage

The area of the waters of Hong Kong bounded by
straight lines joining the following positions—

- (i) latitude 22°18.258' north,
longitude 114°12.147' east;
- (ii) latitude 22°17.975' north,
longitude 114°12.147' east;
- (iii) latitude 22°17.975' north,
longitude 114°12.434' east;
- (iv) latitude 22°18.094' north,

longitude 114°12.564' east;

- (v) latitude 22°18.258' north,
longitude 114°12.573' east.

Note: In item 1(a), a reference to the co-ordinates of a
point is a reference to the co-ordinates of that
point based on the World Geodetic System 1984
(WGS 84).”

Director of Marine

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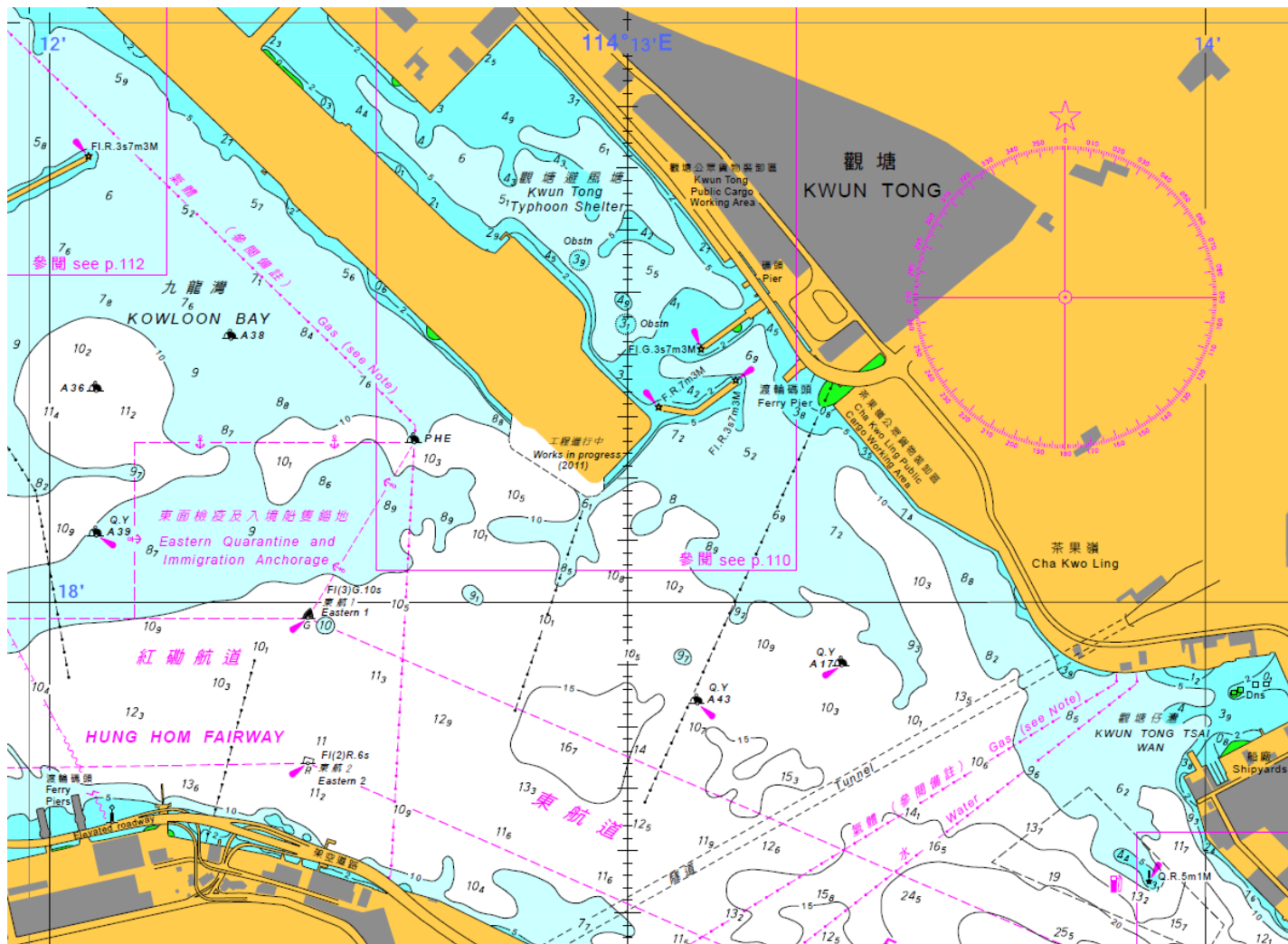
Explanatory Note
Paragraph 1

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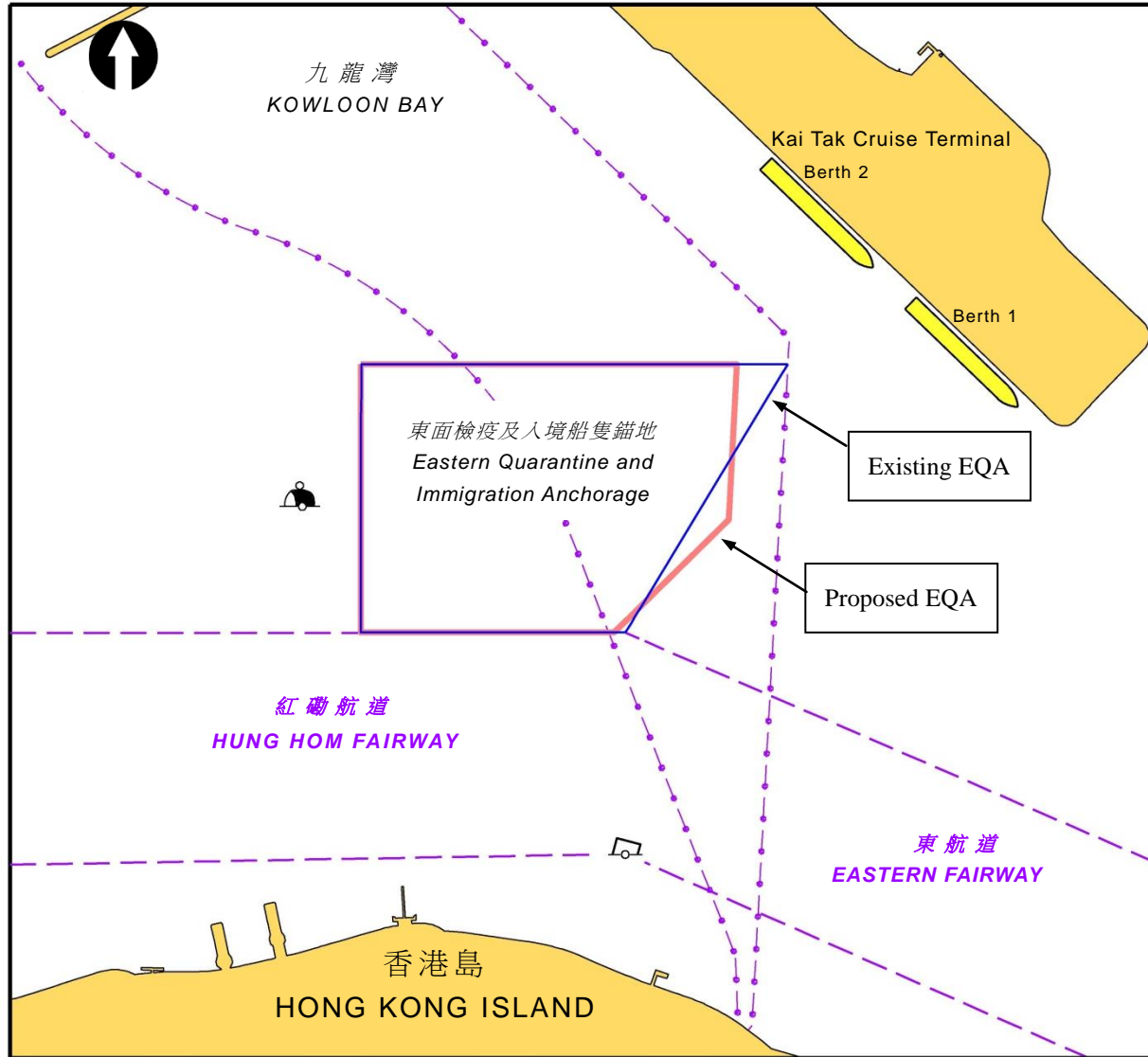
Explanatory Note

This Notice amends the Seventh Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg. A) to make minor adjustment to the boundaries of the Eastern Quarantine Anchorage.

The Existing Eastern Quarantine Anchorage (EOA)



The Existing Eastern Quarantine Anchorage (EQA) (bounded by blue lines)
and Proposed Eastern Quarantine Anchorage (EQA) (bounded by red lines)



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