

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

### **Pilotage Ordinance (Chapter 84)**

### **Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1999**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Under Section 22 of the Pilotage Ordinance, Chapter 84, the Director of Marine being the Pilotage Authority is empowered to provide for the amount of pilotage dues by order published in the Gazette. In accordance with this section, the Director of Marine has amended the relevant Schedule as set out in Annex.

#### **BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT**

2. The HK Liner Shipping Association, representing shipping lines, and the HK Pilots Association review pilotage dues annually. The latest review recommends a reduction in the rates of certain pilotage dues between now and the end of 2000.

3. The Pilotage Advisory Committee at its meeting endorsed the proposal and the revision consists of :-

- a. for vessels of 30 000 tons of gross registered tonnage or above, a reduction of 0.25 cents per ton in the tonnage charge, from the existing 6.5 cents per ton to 6.25 cents per ton, subject to a minimum charge of \$1,950; and
- b. a reduction of \$200 in the additional pilotage dues for pilots boarding or disembarking from the Ngan Chau Pilot Boarding Station, from the existing \$2,100 to \$1,900.

## **PILOTAGE (DUES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 1999**

4. This order amends the Pilotage (Dues) Order (Chapter 84 sub. leg.) by decreasing the standard pilotage dues and certain additional pilotage dues.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

5. The Department of Justice advises that the proposed amendment order has no human rights implications.

### **BINDING EFFECT**

6. The Order does not affect the current binding effect of the Pilotage Ordinance.

### **FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

7. There are no financial or staffing implications for Government.

### **ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

8. There are no significant economic implications.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. There are no environmental implications.

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

10. The Pilotage Advisory Committee has been consulted and has endorsed all the proposed provisions.

## **PUBLICITY**

11. A press release will be issued today. A spokesman will be available to handle press enquiries. The Order will be published in the Gazette on 25 June 1999. The Marine Department will also issue a Marine Department Notice and a Notice to Mariners to notify the shipping community.

## **ENQUIRY**

12. Any enquiry on this brief can be addressed to Mr. George KWOK, Marine Officer at 2858 4776 or Mr. Summy CHU, Assistant Secretary for Economic Services at 2537 2844.

Economic Services Bureau  
23 June 1999

**PILOTAGE (DUES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 1999**

(Made under section 22 of the Pilotage Ordinance  
(Cap. 84) after consultation with the  
Pilotage Advisory Committee)

**1. Schedule amended**

The Schedule to the Pilotage (Dues) Order (Cap. 84 sub. leg.) is amended -

- (a) in Part I, by repealing paragraph 1 before the Notes and substituting -
  - "1. For every ship piloted, a pilotage due of \$3,500 plus -
    - (a) for ships having a gross registered tonnage of less than 30 000 tons, 6.50 cents per ton of the ship's gross registered tonnage; or
    - (b) for ships having a gross registered tonnage of 30 000 tons or above, 6.25 cents per ton of the ship's gross registered tonnage or \$1,950, whichever is the greater.";
- (b) in Part II, in paragraph 5 by repealing "\$2,100" and substituting "\$1,900".

Pilotage Authority

20 May 1999

Explanatory Note

This Order amends the Pilotage (Dues) Order (Cap. 84 sub. leg.) by decreasing the standard pilotage dues and certain additional pilotage dues.