

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Chapter 313)

Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Amendment of Seventh Schedule) Notice 1999

INTRODUCTION

Under Regulation 72 (1) of the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg.), the Director of Marine has the authority to amend (inter alia) the Seventh Schedule to the said Regulations by notice in the Gazette. In the exercise of this authority, the Director has made the captioned Notice, as set out in Appendix 1.

BACKGROUND

Naval Anchorage

2. According to the Defence Lands Agreement signed between the Chinese and British Governments at the JLG meeting held on 30 June 1994, the Garrison will establish a naval anchorage off the Naval Base at Stonecutters Island for their vessels after 1.7.97. At the same time the existing naval anchorage area near the former Tamar Naval Base off Wan Chai will be discontinued.

Yau Ma Tei Anchorage

3. The existing Yau Ma Tei Anchorage was established in 1996 to accommodate vessels not exceeding 100 meters in length. Due to its convenient location, it is the most popular anchorage for river trade and small sea-going vessels. This anchorage is always crowded with excessive number of vessels and led to a number of minor collisions in the past.

4. In order to ease the congestion and avoid accidents, among other improvement measures, it is found necessary to enlarge the Yau Ma Tei Anchorage.

THE NOTICE

5. To give effect to the establishment of the new Naval Anchorage and the extension of Yau Ma Tei Anchorage, the Director has decided to amend the description of the special anchorages and the naval anchorage in the Seventh Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations. A Notice has been prepared in Appendix 1.

HUMAN RIGHT IMPLICATIONS

6. The Department of Justice advises that the proposed Notice has no human rights implication.

BINDING EFFECT

7. The Notice does not affect the current binding effect of the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance.

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no financial or staffing implications for the Government.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no economic implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no environmental implications.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

11. The Port Operations Committee has been consulted and has endorsed the proposed provisions.

PUBLICITY

12. A press release will be issued today. A spokesman will be available to handle media enquiries. The Notice will be published in the Gazette on 5 November 1999.

ENQUIRY

13. For enquiries on this brief, please contact Mr. C Y Tsang, Senior Marine Officer at Tel. No.: 2852 4539 or Mr. Summy Chu, Assistant Secretary for Economic Services at Tel. No.: 2537 2844.

Economic Services Bureau
2 November 1999

**SHIPPING AND PORT CONTROL REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT
OF SEVENTH SCHEDULE) NOTICE 1999**

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

1. Special Anchorages

The Seventh Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg.) is amended -

(a) by repealing item 3(h) and substituting -

“(h) Yau Ma Tei Anchorage

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

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| (i) | latitude | 22° 19'05” north, |
| | longitude | 114° 08'36” east; |
| (ii) | latitude | 22° 19'12” north, |
| | longitude | 114° 08'43” east; |
| (iii) | latitude | 22° 19'11” north, |
| | longitude | 114° 08'55” east; |
| (iv) | latitude | 22° 18'06” north, |
| | longitude | 114° 08'55” east; |
| (v) | latitude | 22° 18'06” north, |
| | longitude | 114° 08'36” east.”; |

(b) by repealing item 4 and substituting -

“4. naval Anchorage

The area of the waters of Hong Kong bounded by lines drawn -

- (a) from position latitude $22^{\circ} 18'15''$ north, longitude $114^{\circ} 08'18''$ east, to position latitude $22^{\circ} 18'20.5''$ north, longitude $114^{\circ} 08'26''$ east;
- (b) thence following the minor arc on the circumference of a circle with its centre at position latitude $22^{\circ} 18'26.5''$ north, longitude $114^{\circ} 08'21.5''$ east and with radius 220 metres to position latitude $22^{\circ} 18'23.5''$ north, longitude $114^{\circ} 08'28.5''$ east;
- (c) thence to position latitude $22^{\circ} 18'36.5''$ north, longitude $114^{\circ} 08'34.5''$ east;
- (d) thence following the minor arc on the circumference of a circle with its centre at position latitude $22^{\circ} 18'39.5''$ north, longitude $114^{\circ} 08'27.5''$ east and with radius 220 metres to position latitude $22^{\circ} 18'45.5''$ north, longitude

114° 08'31.5" east;

(e) thence to position latitude 22° 18'53.5" north, longitude 114° 08'19" east;

(f) thence following the minor arc on the circumference of a circle with its centre at position latitude 22° 18'48" north, longitude 114° 08'15.5" east and with radius 190 metres to position latitude 22° 18'50" north, longitude 114° 08'09" east;

(g) thence to position latitude 22° 18'32.5" north, longitude 114° 08'03.5" east;

(h) thence to position latitude 22° 18'15" north, longitude 114° 08'18" east."

Director of Marine

31 August 1999

Explanatory Note

This Notice amends the special anchorages described in the Seventh Schedule to the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg.).