

For discussion  
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## **Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development**

### **Proposal to Establish a Vessel Height Restricted Area in the Vicinity of the Stonecutters Bridge**

#### **Introduction**

This paper briefs Members on the proposal to establish a vessel height restricted area in the vicinity of the Stonecutters Bridge (“the Bridge”) and to seek Members’ support to the making of relevant regulations.

#### **Background**

2. The Bridge is a major section of the Route 8. This 1.6 km long bridge, which spans across the entrance to the Kwai Tsing Container Port between Tsing Yi Island and Stonecutters Island, is scheduled to commission in mid-2009.

3. We need to establish a vessel height restricted area of 41.9 hectare in the vicinity of the Bridge to prevent potential damage to the Bridge and to ensure safe navigation of vessels within the vessel height restricted area.

## **Legislative Proposal**

4. We propose to amend the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313 sub. leg. A) and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. F) by making the following regulations:

- (1) Shipping and Port Control (Amendment) Regulation 2008; and
- (2) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) (Amendment) Regulation 2008

to provide that except with the permission of the Director of Marine, no vessel with a height exceeding 68.5m shall enter the proposed vessel height restricted area at **Annex**.

## **Legislative Timetable**

5. Subject to Members' support of the proposal set out in paragraph 4 above, we plan to table the Regulations at the Legislative Council in June 2008.

## **Consultation**

6. The Port Operations Committee, the Local Vessels Advisory Committee and the Modern Terminals Ltd, the operator of the berth located within the proposed vessel height restricted area, have been consulted. They are supportive of the proposed legislations.

**Advice sought**

7. Members are invited to give their views and support the making of the proposed Regulations.

**Transport and Housing Bureau**

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