

Bills Committee on Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Amendment) Bill 2013

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the third meeting on 2 July 2013**

The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the following –

- (a) To revise the definition of "seafarer" in the proposed new section 2A (and, where appropriate, to amend the list of persons specified in the proposed new Schedule 1A) in order to specify more clearly the types of persons working on board a ship who are intended to be covered by the Bill;
- (b) To replace the word "shall" with "must" (where appropriate in the context) in all provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478) for the sake of consistency, instead of making such amendments selectively to some of the provisions in Cap. 478; and
- (c) As requested by Hon Cyd HO, to elaborate on the Administration's policy and standing practice on the implementation of conventions/ international agreements in Hong Kong by way of local legislation.

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