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Dear Ms CHAN,

**Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development**

**Meeting on 26 June 2017**

At Panel meeting on 26 June, during discussion of the agenda items on proposed amendments to the subsidiary legislation under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413) and the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Shipowners Liability) Ordinance (Cap. 434), and further development of Hong Kong's port and maritime services, Members requested information on progress of the marine-related legislative updating exercises and the multi-storey developments in Kwai Tsing. The requisite information is set out in the ensuing paragraphs.

**Updating of Marine-related Legislation**

With the approval of the Legislative Council Finance Committee in February 2014, we have established a dedicated Legal Task Force to update local legislation to incorporate the latest requirements under various marine-related international conventions. Since then, we have completed

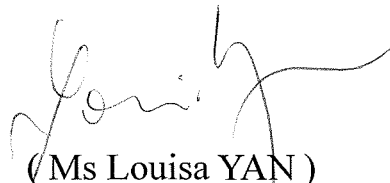
legislative amendment exercises for 40 sets of regulations relating to five conventions under the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and one convention under the International Labour Organization. The remaining regulations concerning three IMO conventions, as set out at Annex, will be ready for introduction in batches in the coming two legislative sessions.

### **Multi-storey Developments in Kwai Tsing**

The Kwai Tsing Container Terminals (KTCTs) are surrounded by about 100 hectares of port back-up land let under Short Term Tenancy to logistics and freight operators to support port operations. Government conducted a review on the use and management of the port back-up land in the vicinity of KTCTs with a view to optimising their use. The review, which was endorsed by relevant stakeholders including the Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development, the then Hong Kong Port Development Council and Hong Kong Logistics Development Council, has recommended that we should examine the feasibility of developing multi-storey facilities at suitable port back-up sites in Kwai Tsing primarily for container vehicle parking and container handling, so that more port back-up land can be released to support port operations.

In this connection, we have identified a site in Tsing Yi for the development of a multi-storey facility for container storage and cargo handling and another one in Kwai Chung for a multi-storey carpark-cum-logistics complex. We are conducting feasibility studies on these proposed uses. The feasibility study on the former is expected to be completed around early 2019 and the study on the latter will be completed around late 2019. We will consider the way forward in the light of the study findings.

Yours sincerely,



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for Secretary for Transport and Housing

**Progress of Marine-related Legislative Exercises**

<b>International Convention</b>	<b>Implementing Local Legislation</b>	<b>Proposed New/Amendments to Subsidiary Legislation</b>	<b>Purpose of Legislative Amendment Exercise</b>	<b>Targeted Time for Introduction to Legislative Council</b>
1. International Convention on Load Lines	Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Safety) (Cap. 369)	<u>To amend:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Lines) Regulations (Cap. 369AD)</li><li>- Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Lines) (Deck Cargo) Regulations (Cap. 369AE)</li><li>- Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Load Lines) (Length of Ships) Regulations (Cap. 369AF)</li></ul>	To incorporate into local legislation the latest requirements for improving the stability of ships and preventing marine accidents arising from overloading.	2017-18 Legislative Session

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2. International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL)	Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413)	<u>To amend:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Merchant Shipping (Control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulation (Cap. 413B)</li> <li>- Merchant Shipping (BCH Code) Regulation (Cap. 413D)</li> <li>- Merchant Shipping (IBC Code) Regulations (Cap. 413E)</li> </ul>	To incorporate into local legislation the latest requirements for controlling the pollution by noxious liquid substances from ships and minimise the potential risks to the environment.	2017-18 Legislative Session
		<u>To amend:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulation (Cap. 413H)</li> </ul>	To incorporate into local legislation the latest requirements for preventing pollution by marine pollutants and ensuring safe carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form.	

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3. International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)	Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Safety) (Cap. 369)	<u>To amend:</u> - Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Gas Carriers) Regulations (Cap. 369Z)	To incorporate into local legislation the latest requirements for the safe transportation of liquefied gases in bulk.	2017-18 Legislative Session
		<u>To enact:</u> - A piece of new subsidiary legislation	To incorporate into local legislation the requirements for the safe transportation of radioactive wastes.	By end 2018
		<u>To enact:</u> - A piece of new subsidiary legislation	To incorporate into local legislation the latest requirements for the structure, stability, machinery and electrical installations of ships.	By end 2018
		<u>To enact:</u> - A piece of new subsidiary legislation	To incorporate into local legislation the latest requirements for fire protection, fire detection and fire extinction of ships.	By end 2018