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**Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General)
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2017**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 89 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 March 2018.

2. Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation amended

The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. F) is amended as set out in sections 3 to 9.

3. Section 64 substituted

Section 64—

Repeal the section

Substitute

“64. Movement report

- (1) Before a specified local vessel gets underway for a movement within the waters of Hong Kong, the coxswain of the vessel must—
 - (a) report the intended movement;
 - (b) request permission to move; and
 - (c) provide in the report all the information specified in subsection (2).
- (2) The following information is specified for the purposes of subsection (1)(c)—

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- (a) the name of the vessel;
- (b) the call sign of the vessel (if any);
- (c) the present location of the vessel;
- (d) the intended berth or other intended location of the vessel;
- (e) any special condition of the vessel;
- (f) such other information, including the intention of the coxswain of the vessel to undertake a seatrial during the movement, as the vessel traffic centre may reasonably require.”.

4. Sections 65 and 66 repealed

Sections 65 and 66—

Repeal the sections.

5. Section 67 amended (move finished report)

(1) Section 67—

Repeal

“section 66”

Substitute

“section 64”.

(2) Section 67—

Repeal

“the intended destination reported under section 64(d)”

Substitute

“the berth or other location reported under section 64(2)(d)”.

Section 6

6. Section 68 substituted

Section 68—

Repeal the section

Substitute

“68. Departure report

- (1) Before a specified local vessel gets underway for a departure from the waters of Hong Kong, the coxswain of the vessel must—
 - (a) report the intended departure;
 - (b) request permission to depart; and
 - (c) provide in the report all the information specified in subsection (2).
- (2) The following information is specified for the purposes of subsection (1)(c)—
 - (a) the name of the vessel;
 - (b) the call sign of the vessel (if any);
 - (c) the present location of the vessel;
 - (d) the number of the port clearance obtained for the vessel under section 6;
 - (e) any special condition of the vessel;
 - (f) such other information, including the intention of the coxswain of the vessel to undertake a seatrial before the departure, as the vessel traffic centre may reasonably require.”.

7. Sections 69 and 70 repealed

Sections 69 and 70—

Repeal the sections.

8. Section 82 amended (failure of radiotelephone equipment)

Section 82(2)—

Repeal paragraphs (a) and (b)

Substitute

- “(a) compliance with section 75(1) is not required;
- (b) subject to paragraph (c), compliance with section 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77, 78, 80(2) or 81 (*prescribed section*) is not required; and
- (c) if it is possible for the coxswain of the vessel to make the report required by a prescribed section by telephone or another means—
- (i) compliance with the prescribed section is required; and
- (ii) it is sufficient compliance with the requirement under the prescribed section to make a report on a VHF channel if the report is instead made by telephone or the other means.”.

9. Section 83 amended (offences under this Part)

(1) Section 83(2)—

Repeal

“65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70”

Substitute

“67, 68”.

(2) Section 83(6)—

Repeal

“section 65”

Substitute

“section 64”.

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(3) Section 83(7)—

Repeal

“section 69”

Substitute

“section 68”.

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Explanatory Note
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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. F) to facilitate efficient monitoring of the movement of local vessels.