

**L.N. 141 of 2019**

**Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General)  
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2019**

(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 April 2020.

**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 section 3.

**3. Section 9 amended (speed of vessels)**

(1) Section 9—

**Repeal subsection (3)**

**Substitute**

“(3) A local vessel must not, when underway in a restricted zone mentioned below, proceed at a speed exceeding 5 knots during the period specified below—

(a) for a restricted zone specified in items 1 and 2 (other than paragraph (c)) of Schedule 18 to the SAPCR—the period from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight on—

(i) any Saturday or public holiday; and

(ii) any day from 1 July to 15 September (both days inclusive);

Section 3

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- (b) for the restricted zone specified in item 2(c) of Schedule 18 to the SAPCR—the period from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight; and
  - (c) for a restricted zone specified in items 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Schedule 18 to the SAPCR—the period from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight on—
    - (i) any Saturday or public holiday; and
    - (ii) any day from 1 April to 31 October (both days inclusive).”.
- (2) Section 9(6)—

**Repeal**

“level 1”

**Substitute**

“level 3”.

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### **Explanatory Note**

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. F) to implement the following enhancement measures relating to restricted zones within the waters of Hong Kong—

- (a) extending the period during which the speed of local vessels plying within 13 existing restricted zones is restricted;
- (b) increasing the penalties for contravening the relevant regulations.