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**Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General)
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2020**

(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 28 January 2021.

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 19 amended (prohibition of entry into other bridge areas)
Section 19—

Repeal subsection (3)

Substitute

“(3) Except with the permission of the Director—

- (a) a local vessel with a height exceeding 57 m above sea level must not enter the Tsing Ma Bridge Area; or
- (b) a local vessel with a height exceeding 54.6 m, but not exceeding 57 m, above sea level must not enter the Tsing Ma Bridge Area other than during the specified hours of a day within the meaning of subsection (3A).

Section 3

- (3A) For the purposes of subsection (3)(b), the Director of Highways, or an officer authorized by the Director of Highways—
- (a) may by notice specify—
 - (i) any period; and
 - (ii) in relation to each day in the period, the hours (*specified hours*) during which the space for the travelling of the movable gantries underneath the Tsing Ma Bridge between the Tsing Yi Tower and the Ma Wan Tower will not be occupied for inspection or maintenance of the Tsing Ma Bridge or related purposes; and
 - (b) must publish the notice on the website of the Highways Department or in any other way that the Director of Highways, or the officer authorized by the Director of Highways, considers appropriate.
- (3B) In subsections (3) and (3A)—
- Ma Wan Tower*** (馬灣橋塔) means the bridge tower on the Ma Wan side of the Tsing Ma Bridge;
- Tsing Ma Bridge Area*** (青馬大橋區域) means the area specified in paragraph 15(b) of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR;
- Tsing Yi Tower*** (青衣橋塔) means the bridge tower on the Tsing Yi side of the Tsing Ma Bridge.”.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. F) so that, except with the permission of the Director of Marine, the following vessels are prohibited from entering the Tsing Ma Bridge Area—

- (a) local vessels with heights exceeding 57 metres above sea level;
- (b) local vessels with heights exceeding 54.6 metres, but not exceeding 57 metres, above sea level except for those entering the Area during the hours of a day specified in a notice as the hours during which the space for the travelling of the movable gantries underneath the Tsing Ma Bridge between the Tsing Yi Tower and the Ma Wan Tower will not be occupied for inspection or maintenance of the Tsing Ma Bridge or related purposes.