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**Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) (Amendment)
Regulation 2021**

(Made by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury under section 88 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Regulation comes into operation on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.
- (2) Sections 3(1) and 4(1) come into operation on 1 November 2021.

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

The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. J) is amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Section 5A amended (concessions on fees for certain applications)

- (1) Section 5A(5), definition of *concession period*—

Repeal

“2020 to 31 October 2021”

Substitute

“2021 to 31 October 2022”.

- (2) Section 5A(6)—

Repeal

“2021”

Substitute

“2022”.

4. Section 8A amended (concessions on fees for certain matters under General Regulation)

(1) Section 8A(1)—

Repeal

“2020 to 31 October 2021”

Substitute

“2021 to 31 October 2022”.

(2) Section 8A(3)—

Repeal

“2021”

Substitute

“2022”.

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Explanatory Note

Sections 5A and 8A of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. J) provide for the concessions for 1 year from 1 November 2020—

- (a) on the fees (and any additional fees) payable in respect of an application for the issue or renewal of a full licence, or a temporary licence, or for the grant of a permission for a laid-up vessel, in respect of a local vessel that is—
 - (i) a Class I, II or III vessel; or
 - (ii) a Class IV vessel with a certificate of inspection or certificate of survey that is let for hire or reward for an intended service involving the carriage of passengers; and
- (b) on the fees payable for the grant or renewal of a permit to remain.

2. This Regulation amends those sections to extend the concessions for another year (1 November 2021 to 31 October 2022).