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Dear Mr WOO,

Bills Committee on Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024

Committee Stage Amendment Proposed by the Government

We refer to Hon Doreen KONG Yuk-foon's letter dated 13 June 2024 referred by the Bills Committee.

2. In consultation with the Law Reform Commission Secretariat, the Transport and Logistics Bureau, and the Marine Department, the Government sets out its response, as follows, regarding Hon Doreen KONG Yuk-foon's proposed amendment to regulation 40(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Minimum Passenger Space) Regulations (Cap. 369E) (Part 47 of Schedule to the Bill):-

In the light of actual circumstances and taking into account the Member's concern, the Government agrees to introduce Committee Stage Amendment to have the provision amended as below:

“In every ship to which these regulations apply, engaged on short international voyages in the eastern trade area, weather deck passengers shall be carried only between ports within the following limits, namely, China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and the Philippine Islands.”

3. We should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the Chairman and Members of the Bills Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hui', is written over the printed name.

(Jenny HUI)

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