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**Merchant Shipping (Reporting of Pollution Incidents)
(Amendment) Regulation 2025**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics under sections 3 and 3A of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 January 2026.

2. Merchant Shipping (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations amended

The Merchant Shipping (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations (Cap. 413 sub. leg. C) are amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Regulation 2 amended (interpretation)

Regulation 2—

Add in alphabetical order

“*Convention* (《公約》) means the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, including its protocols and appendices, as from time to time revised or amended by any revision or amendment to any provision of such Convention that applies to Hong Kong;”.

4. Regulation 7 amended (reporting procedures)

(1) Regulation 7—

Renumber the regulation as regulation 7(1).

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Section 4

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(2) After regulation 7(1)—

Add

“(2) If an incident at sea in relation to which a report is required to be made under regulation 4(1)(b) involves the loss of a freight container that contains marine pollutant in packaged form, the report must be made in accordance with the requirements under Article V of Protocol I of the Convention.”.

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Secretary for Transport and
Logistics

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Reporting of Pollution Incidents) Regulations (Cap. 413 sub. leg. C) to give effect to the amendments to Protocol I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (*Protocol I amendments*) adopted by the International Maritime Organization by Resolution MEPC.384(81) on 22 March 2024. The Protocol I amendments impose new reporting requirements for an incident at sea involving the loss of a freight container that contains marine pollutant in packaged form.