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**Merchant Shipping (Control of Ballast Water and
Sediments) (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 October 2025.

**2. Merchant Shipping (Control of Ballast Water and Sediments)
Regulation amended**

The Merchant Shipping (Control of Ballast Water and
Sediments) Regulation (Cap. 413 sub. leg. Q) is amended as set
out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

3. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

Section 2—

Add in alphabetical order

“*electronic record book* (電子紀錄簿) means a device or
system used for recording in electronic form the
matters required to be recorded in a Ballast Water
Record Book under section 8;”.

**4. Section 8 amended (duty to maintain Ballast Water Record
Book)**

(1) Section 8(1)—

Repeal

“Ballast Water Record Book”

Section 4

Substitute

“Ballast Water Record Book (*Record Book*)”.

- (2) After section 8(1)—

Add

“(1A) An electronic record book may be used for recording matters to be recorded in the Record Book only if the electronic record book is approved by the following authority after taking into account the guidelines developed by IMO—

- (a) for a Hong Kong ship—the Director or an organization recognized under section 37A; or
- (b) for a non-Hong Kong ship—an Administration.”.

- (3) Section 8(2)(a), Chinese text—

Repeal

“紀錄簿”

Substitute

“《紀錄簿》”.

- (4) Section 8(2)(b)—

Repeal

“each entry”

Substitute

“(subject to paragraph (ba)) each entry”.

- (5) After section 8(2)(b)—

Add

“(ba) if an electronic record book is used for recording any matter required to be recorded in the Record Book under this section—all entries for the matter are verified by the master without delay;”.

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Section 5

(6) Section 8(2)(c) and (d), (3), (4), (5) and (6), Chinese text—

Repeal

“紀錄簿” (wherever appearing)

Substitute

“《紀錄簿》”.

5. Section 37A added

After section 37—

Add

“37A. Director may recognize organization to approve electronic record books

The Director may recognize an organization for approving an electronic record book for a Hong Kong ship, after taking into account the guidelines developed by IMO.”.

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Explanatory Note
Paragraph 1

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Control of Ballast Water and Sediments) Regulation (Cap. 413 sub. leg. Q) to give effect to the amendments to Regulations A-1 and B-2 of the Annex to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (*Annex amendments*) adopted by the International Maritime Organization by Resolution MEPC.383(81) on 22 March 2024. The Annex amendments relate to the use of electronic record books on ships.