

MERCHANT SHIPPING (LOCAL VESSELS) ORDINANCE (Chapter 548)

REVISED CODE OF PRACTICE

Pursuant to sections 8(2) and 8(3) of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Chapter 548), it is hereby notified that I have approved the following revisions to the Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class I Vessels (November 2020 Edition); Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class II Vessels (November 2020 Edition); Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class III Vessels (December 2019 Edition); and Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class IV Vessels (November 2020 Edition) with effect from 3 December 2021:—

- (1) Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class I Vessels
 - (a) Chapter I:—
 - (i) Section 3—definitions relating to high speed vessel revised; and
 - (ii) Section 4—subsection 4.2 revised to specify that new high speed vessels shall comply with the requirements of the amended chapter XI.
 - (b) Chapter II:—
 - (i) Section 1—subsections 1.2 and 1.7 revised;
 - (ii) Section 3—all revised. The provision regarding the determination of validity of certificate and endorsement deleted;
 - (iii) Table 7-1—items (G)(1) revised;
 - (iv) new Table 7-2.1 inserted;
 - (v) original Table 7-2 retitled to Table 7-2.2;
 - (vi) Table 7-2.1, Table 7-2.2 Remarks—remark *1 revised;
 - (vii) Table 7-2.2—item (C)(11A) added and item (D)(2) deleted; and
 - (viii) Table 7-3 Remarks—remark *9 revised.

The above items (iii) and (vii) are for the delegation of survey services relating to Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations (Chapter 413A) and the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (Chapter 413P) to Authorized Organizations; and the remaining items for introducing a 5-year survey cycle for Class I local vessels classed with Authorized Organization and the relevant certification arrangements.

- (c) Chapter XI:

Completely revised to specify the requirements with which new high speed vessels shall comply; and

 - (d) New Annex AB added to specify the exemptible clauses in International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft, 2000 that are applicable to local high speed vessels.
- (2) Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class II Vessels

Chapter II:

- (i) Section 3—all revised. The provision regarding the determination of validity of certificate and endorsement deleted;
- (ii) Table 5-1, items (H)(1) and (2) revised;
- (iii) Table 7-1, item (F)(1) revised;
- (iv) Table 7-2, item (C)(13A) inserted, item (D)(2) deleted;

The above items (ii) to (iv) are for the delegation of survey services relating to Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations and the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation to Authorized Organizations; and

- (v) Table 7-2 Remarks, remark *1 revised for the survey arrangement for class II local vessels classed with Authorized Organization and the relevant certification arrangements.

(3) Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class III Vessels

Chapter II:

Section 3—all revised. The provision regarding the determination of validity of certificate and endorsement deleted.

(4) Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class IV Vessels

Annex 13B:

Remarks in Table 1—remark *9 revised for the delegation of survey services relating to Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) Regulations and the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation to Authorized Organizations.

The above revisions are for the purpose of providing practical guidance in respect of the requirements on surveys and certification for local vessels under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Chapter 548) and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Chapter 548G).

The Code of Practice—Safety Standards for Class I, II, III & IV Vessels (Dec 2021 Edition) can be inspected at the Local Vessels Safety Section, Marine Department, 23rd Floor, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong (Telephone No.: 2852 4444); or downloaded from the Marine Department's website (www.mardep.gov.hk).

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