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**MERCHANT SHIPPING (LOCAL VESSELS) ORDINANCE (Chapter 548)**

**REVISION OF MERCHANT SHIPPING (LOCAL VESSELS) (LOCAL  
CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY) RULES AND EXAMINATION  
RULES FOR LOCAL CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY**

Pursuant to section 16 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Chapter 548), it is hereby notified that I have approved the following revisions to the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules (October 2019 Edition) and the Examination Rules for Local Certificates of Competency (November 2020 Edition), with effect from 1 January 2023:—

- (I) Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules (October 2019 Edition)
  - (a) revision of the edition as January 2023 Edition;
  - (b) addition of a new definition under paragraph 2 of Part 1;
  - (c) addition of endorsements to the list in Schedule 2 for Coxswains (Grade 1, 2 and 3) and Engine Operators (Grade 1, 2 and 3).
- (II) Examination Rules for Local Certificates of Competency (November 2020 Edition)
  - (d) revision of the edition as January 2023 Edition;
  - (e) addition of a new definition under paragraph 1.3 of Chapter 1;
  - (f) replacement of Chapter 10; and
  - (g) existing Chapter 10 becoming Chapter 11.

The above revisions are for the purpose of specifying requirements in respect of classes and grades of local certificates of competency, the granting of certificates and issues relating to examination under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance.

The Rules may be inspected at the River Trade and Local Examination Section (Address: 3/F., Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong, (Telephone No.: 2852 3052)), or browsed or downloaded from the Marine Department's website at ([www.mardep.gov.hk](http://www.mardep.gov.hk)).

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