

MERCHANT SHIPPING (LOCAL VESSELS) ORDINANCE (Chapter 548)

REVISION OF 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 (A) Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I, II and III Vessels (May 2015 Edition) and (B) Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class IV Vessels (May 2015 Edition) with effect from 2 September 2016.

(A) Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I, II and III Vessels (May 2015 Edition)

- (a) revision of the title to “Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I, II and III Vessels (September 2016 Edition)”;
- (b) revision of section 1.3 of Chapter III B for –
 - (i) addition of new requirements of “minimum freeboard” and revision of “reserve buoyancy”; and
 - (ii) omission of section 1.3(c).
- (c) addition of new section 1.4 to Chapter IIIB for requirements in the fitting of a sea connected fish-hold;
- (d) revision of stability certification and stability requirements for Fishing Sampan in the table under section 1.1 of Chapter IV;
- (e) revision of remark *7 on the table under section 1.1 of Chapter IV;
- (f) revision of section 1.5 to Chapter V for awning requirements;
- (g) addition of new section 1.6 to Chapter V;
- (h) revision of section 2.8 of Chapter VII;
- (i) addition of new sections 10.3 and 10.4 to Chapter VII;
- (j) revision of sections 4.1 to 4.4 and 5.1[**Note(F)**] of Chapter VIII to include the latest amendments on CORLEG;
- (k) revision of Annex I-10 to replace obsolete requirements with the latest requirements of the prevention of air pollution;
- (l) addition of Annex K-2;
- (m) revision of Annex L to replace obsolete requirements with the latest requirements on prevention of oil pollution;
- (n) addition of new requirements of “minimum freeboard” and revision of “buoyancy” requirements in the table under Annex N-4B; and
- (o) addition of new requirements of “minimum freeboard” and revision of “buoyancy” requirements in the table under Annex N-4C.

(B) Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class IV Vessels (May 2015 Edition)

- (a) revision of the title to “Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class IV Vessels (September 2016 Edition)”;
- (b) addition of sections 2.4 and 2.5 in Chapter VI;
- (c) revision of Annexes 7 and 7A to replace obsolete requirements with the latest requirements on prevention of air pollution; and
- (d) revision of sections 4.1 to 4.4 and 5.1 [**Note(F)**] of Chapter VII to include the latest amendments on CORLEG.

The above revisions are for the purpose of providing practical guidance in respect of the requirements on construction, installation and equipment safety, plans, survey, maintenance and operation safety of local vessels under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) and Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548 Sub. Leg. G).

The Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I, II and III Vessels (September 2016 Edition) and Class IV Vessels (September 2016 Edition) may 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 obtained from the Marine Department’s website at www.mardep.gov.hk.

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