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**Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General)
(Amendment) Regulation 2017**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under section 89 of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 December 2017.

2. Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation amended

The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. F) is amended as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

3. Sections 18A and 18B added

After section 18—

Add

“18A. Prohibition of entry into Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Areas

Except with the permission of the Director—

- (a) a local vessel with a height exceeding 21 m above sea level must not enter the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Area No. 1 specified in paragraph 22(b) of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR;

- (b) a local vessel with a height exceeding 12 m above sea level must not enter the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Area No. 2 specified in paragraph 23(b) of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR; or
- (c) a local vessel with a height exceeding 6 m above sea level must not enter the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Area No. 3 specified in paragraph 24(b) of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR.

18B. Prohibition of entry into Hong Kong Link Road Areas and restriction on entry into Hong Kong Link Road Special Areas

- (1) Except with the permission of the Director—
 - (a) a local vessel with a height exceeding 41 m above sea level must not enter the Hong Kong Link Road Area No. 1 specified in paragraph 25(b) of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR;
 - (b) a local vessel with a height exceeding 12 m above sea level must not enter the Hong Kong Link Road Area No. 2 specified in paragraph 26(b) of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR;
 - (c) a local vessel with a height exceeding 10 m above sea level must not enter the Hong Kong Link Road Area No. 3 specified in paragraph 27(b) of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR; or
 - (d) a local vessel with a height exceeding 5 m above sea level must not enter the Hong Kong Link Road Area No. 4 specified in paragraph 28(b) of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR.

- (2) Except with the permission of the Director—
- (a) a local vessel must not enter the Hong Kong Link Road Special Area No. 1 specified in paragraph 29 of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR by crossing over the south-western boundary of the Special Area specified in paragraph 32 of that Schedule; or
 - (b) a local vessel must not enter the Hong Kong Link Road Special Area No. 2 specified in paragraph 30 of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR by crossing over the north-eastern boundary of the Special Area specified in paragraph 33 of that Schedule.
- (3) Except with the permission of the Director, a local vessel exceeding 10 m in length overall must not enter the Hong Kong Link Road Special Area No. 3 specified in paragraph 31 of the Fifth Schedule to the SAPCR.”.

4. Section 20 amended (offences relating to restricted areas, etc.)

- (1) Section 20(1), after “18”—

Add

“, 18A, 18B(1), (2) or (3)”.

- (2) Section 20(3), after “18(a)—

Add

“, 18A, 18B(1) and (3)”.

- (3) Section 20(3), Chinese text—

Repeal

“與在該等條文所提述的區域內的任何橋梁發生碰撞”

Substitute

“碰撞在該等條文提述的區域內的任何橋樑”。

5. “橋樑” substituted for “橋梁”

The following provisions, Chinese text—

- (a) Section 17(a);
- (b) Section 18(a)—

Repeal

“橋梁” (wherever appearing)

Substitute

“橋樑”。

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. F) (*principal Regulation*)—

- (a) to prohibit local vessels exceeding certain heights from entering—
 - (i) the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Area No. 1;
 - (ii) the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Area No. 2;
 - (iii) the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link Area No. 3;
 - (iv) the Hong Kong Link Road Area No. 1;
 - (v) the Hong Kong Link Road Area No. 2;
 - (vi) the Hong Kong Link Road Area No. 3; or
 - (vii) the Hong Kong Link Road Area No. 4;
- (b) to prohibit local vessels from entering the Hong Kong Link Road Special Area No. 1 by crossing over the south-western boundary of the Special Area;
- (c) to prohibit local vessels from entering the Hong Kong Link Road Special Area No. 2 by crossing over the north-eastern boundary of the Special Area;
- (d) to prohibit local vessels exceeding 10 m in length overall from entering the Hong Kong Link Road Special Area No. 3; and
- (e) to make minor textual amendments to the Chinese text of the principal Regulation.