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**Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General)  
(Amendment) (No. 2) 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 March 2018.

**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 to 9.

**3. Section 64 substituted**

Section 64—

**Repeal the section**

**Substitute**

**“64. Movement report**

- (1) Before a specified local vessel gets underway for a movement within the waters of Hong Kong, the coxswain of the vessel must—
  - (a) report the intended movement;
  - (b) request permission to move; and
  - (c) provide in the report all the information specified in subsection (2).
- (2) The following information is specified for the purposes of subsection (1)(c)—

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- (a) the name of the vessel;
- (b) the call sign of the vessel (if any);
- (c) the present location of the vessel;
- (d) the intended berth or other intended location of the vessel;
- (e) any special condition of the vessel;
- (f) such other information, including the intention of the coxswain of the vessel to undertake a seatrial during the movement, as the vessel traffic centre may reasonably require.”.

**4. Sections 65 and 66 repealed**

Sections 65 and 66—

**Repeal the sections.**

**5. Section 67 amended (move finished report)**

(1) Section 67—

**Repeal**

“section 66”

**Substitute**

“section 64”.

(2) Section 67—

**Repeal**

“the intended destination reported under section 64(d)”

**Substitute**

“the berth or other location reported under section 64(2)(d)”.

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**6. Section 68 substituted**

Section 68—

**Repeal the section**

**Substitute**

**“68. Departure report**

- (1) Before a specified local vessel gets underway for a departure from the waters of Hong Kong, the coxswain of the vessel must—
  - (a) report the intended departure;
  - (b) request permission to depart; and
  - (c) provide in the report all the information specified in subsection (2).
- (2) The following information is specified for the purposes of subsection (1)(c)—
  - (a) the name of the vessel;
  - (b) the call sign of the vessel (if any);
  - (c) the present location of the vessel;
  - (d) the number of the port clearance obtained for the vessel under section 6;
  - (e) any special condition of the vessel;
  - (f) such other information, including the intention of the coxswain of the vessel to undertake a seatrial before the departure, as the vessel traffic centre may reasonably require.”.

**7. Sections 69 and 70 repealed**

Sections 69 and 70—

**Repeal the sections.**

**8. Section 82 amended (failure of radiotelephone equipment)**

Section 82(2)—

**Repeal paragraphs (a) and (b)**

**Substitute**

- “(a) compliance with section 75(1) is not required;
- (b) subject to paragraph (c), compliance with section 61, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 71, 72, 77, 78, 80(2) or 81 (*prescribed section*) is not required; and
- (c) if it is possible for the coxswain of the vessel to make the report required by a prescribed section by telephone or another means—
- (i) compliance with the prescribed section is required; and
- (ii) it is sufficient compliance with the requirement under the prescribed section to make a report on a VHF channel if the report is instead made by telephone or the other means.”

**9. Section 83 amended (offences under this Part)**

(1) Section 83(2)—

**Repeal**

“65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70”

**Substitute**

“67, 68”.

(2) Section 83(6)—

**Repeal**

“section 65”

**Substitute**

“section 64”.

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(3) Section 83(7)—

**Repeal**

“section 69”

**Substitute**

“section 68”.

Frank CHAN Fan  
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**Explanatory Note**

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548 sub. leg. F) to facilitate efficient monitoring of the movement of local vessels.