

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 121 OF 2004

(Miscellaneous Information)

Manning Statement for Hong Kong Licensed Vessels within Guangdong Waters

1. This Notice serves to inform shipowners, operators and crew of Hong Kong licensed vessels that with effect from 1 September 2004, the Guangdong Maritime Safety Administration and the Shenzhen Maritime Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (PRC) (hereinafter called '*the authority*') will require all Hong Kong licensed vessels within Guangdong waters, to carry with them a Manning Statement issued by this Department showing the number and qualification of the master and engineer for safe operations. All parties concerned are recommended to take appropriate action to fulfill this requirement.
2. From 1 September 2004 to 31 December 2004, if the master of a Hong Kong licensed vessel in Guangdong waters is unable to produce the Manning Statement for inspection by the authorized officer, a warning will be given. As from 1 January 2005, the authority shall take legal action against the relevant persons of the vessels if no such Manning Statement could be produced for inspection.
3. Application for the above Manning Statement should be made at Seafarers' Certification Section of the Marine Department, 3/F., Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central Hong Kong. Enquiry phone number is 2544 7214.

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