

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 100 OF 2005

(Miscellaneous Information)

Notice to Owners, Operators, Masters and Crew of Locally Licensed Fishing Vessels – Special Training Qualifications for Hong Kong Fishing Vessel Crew

With effect from 1 August 2005, The Bureau of Fishing Port Superintendence of Guangdong, the People's Republic of China (PRC) (hereinafter referred as "the Guangdong authority") will require all Hong Kong crew working on Hong Kong licensed fishing vessels within Mainland waters to carry with them a PRC Fishery Vessel Crew Certificate for Special Training (hereinafter called the "four mini certificates"). The detailed requirements of the Guangdong authority have already been promulgated via Marine Department Notice No. 107 of 2004.

2. This Notice serves to inform owners, operators, masters and crew of Hong Kong licensed fishing vessels the consensus reached between the Guangdong authority and this department on the mutual acceptance of training and qualifications for fishing vessel crew. With effect from the date of this Notice, the relevant training certificates issued by the approved training institutes in Hong Kong to crew working onboard Hong Kong licensed fishing vessels will be accepted by the Guangdong authority as equivalent to part of the qualifications required for the issue of the "four mini certificates". Similarly, the "four mini certificates" issued by the Guangdong authority will also be accepted by this department as qualifications equivalent to those held by Hong Kong crew working onboard mobile fishing vessels.

3. For issue of the "four mini certificates", crew working onboard Hong Kong licensed fishing vessels and holding training certificates on "Shipboard Fire Fighting", "Survival At Sea" and/or "First Aid" issued by the Hong Kong Maritime Services Training Institute are only required to undergo the remaining special training course(s) in the approved training

institutions in Mainland. After passing the respective examination(s), they will be issued with the PRC Fishery Vessel Crew Certificate for Special Training by the Guangdong authority.

4. Enrollment to the special training courses organized by the Guangdong authority can be made at the six Mobile Fishing Vessels Offices located at Yangjiang, Jiangmen, Huizhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Shanwei of the Guangdong Province. Applicants may approach these six offices directly or the Guangdong authority for details.

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