

Marine Department Notice No.76 of 2008

(Miscellaneous Information)

**Implementation of the
Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation**

To give effect to **Annex VI** of the **International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocols of 1978 and 1997** (MARPOL Annex VI) in Hong Kong, a new piece of legislation, namely the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation (“the Regulation”), was gazetted on 6 July 2007 and will enter into force on **1 June 2008**.

2. MARPOL Annex VI, which stipulates the requirements for controlling emissions from ships, has entered into force internationally since 19 May 2005.
3. Ship owners, operators, masters and agents shall observe the requirements of the new Regulation. The Regulation will be applicable to all ships within Hong Kong water from 1 June 2008.
4. Particular attention is drawn to the requirements that shipboard incineration within Hong Kong waters will only be allowed if the incinerator is of IMO approved type and the operation follows the requirements of the Regulation. Incinerators other than IMO approved type are strictly prohibited to operate in Hong Kong.
5. Any enquiries on this Marine Department Notice may be directed to the Chief, Maritime Policy of the Multi-lateral Policy Division, Marine Department at telephone (852) 2852 4603 or by fax at (852) 2542 4841.

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