

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 24 OF 2009

(Miscellaneous Information)

Promulgation of Marine Department Notices

This Notice serves to remind all parties concerned that any person who intends to carry out any marine works, hold yacht races, swimming races or other similar activities in the waters of Hong Kong, and which interfere or are likely to interfere with the operation of port facilities, or the navigation of vessels, or the safety of any person in the waters, shall obtain the permission of the Director of Marine by giving him at least 14 working days' notice in writing.

2. As a general guide, the information described in Annex I or Annex II to this Notice, as the case may be, shall be provided in the notice in writing to Marine Department, to facilitate the promulgation of an appropriate Marine Department Notice.
3. This Notice replaces and supersedes Marine Department Notice No. 71 of 2001.

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Annex I to Marine Department Notice No. 24 of 2009

Information to be provided for Promulgation of Marine Department Notice for Proposed Marine Works

1. Nature of works - A full description of the marine works including its method statement shall be provided.

e.g. diving operations, drilling of boreholes, laying of submarine cables, underwater blasting, etc.
2. Date of commencement - The proposed date on which the works will commence on site.
3. Duration of works - The number of days, weeks, months or the period required for the works to be completed.
4. Coordinates of works area - The Latitudes and Longitudes in degrees and minutes, up to 3 figures after the decimal point in WGS 84 Datum or the Grid Numbers for positions marking the works area.

e.g. 22°20.850'N 114°06.725'E (WGS 84 Datum)
N823157, E829594 (HK 1980 Grid Numbers)
5. Working programme and schedule - The working programme and schedule shall be provided.
6. Vessels - The numbers and types of working vessels such as grab dredger, tugs etc, to be employed shall be stated. Copies of vessel's licence shall be provided.
7. Means of communication - The communication system to be used between the working vessels and the Vessel Traffic Centre shall be stated.

e.g. VHF, mobile phone etc.
8. Working area to be occupied by the vessels - The extent of the working area required by the working vessels and their mooring arrangement.

e.g. the grab dredger will be moored by 4 anchors each of them extending 50 metres from the vessel; etc.
9. Marker buoys (if any) - The type, colour, size and light characteristics of the marker buoys for marking anchors extending from the working vessels shall be stated. Requirements of lighted buoys for marking marine works area are outlined in the Annex to MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 23 OF 2009.

10. Daily working hours and Working days - The daily working hours and working days shall be specified. Whether the working vessels will shift away from or remain in the works area after the hours of work shall also be stated.
- e.g.
...from 0800 to 1800 hours and all working vessels will shift away from (or, will remain in) the works area after the hours of work.
- ...24 hours continuously.
- ...no works will be carried out on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.
11. Person-in-charge - The name of the person-in-charge together with his/her office and after office contact telephone numbers, mobile phone numbers; etc. shall be provided.
12. Typhoon Procedure and/or Contingency Plan - A typhoon evacuation and/or contingency plan shall be drawn up for removal of working vessels from the works area in case of typhoon, adverse weather, emergency or other special circumstances.
13. Drawing - A drawing in A4 size showing the works area or locations in relation to the surrounding marine and navigation environment at a suitable scale shall be provided.
14. Other relevant information - The following information shall be provided if relevant and available:
- (If the proposed marine works are expected to affect other marine works, other port users or any other facilities in the vicinity, the applicant should co-ordinate with all parties concerned in order to come up with an acceptable arrangement and agreement.)
- (a) Mines Blasting Certificate issued by the Mines Division of the Civil Engineering & Development Department (CEDD) for underwater blasting;
 - (b) Marine Dumping Certificate issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for dumping materials at sea; etc. shall be provided if available;
 - (c) Environmental Permit issued by EPD;
 - (d) Construction Noise Permit issued by EPD for working at night time and public holidays if marine works shall be carried out at night time and public holidays; and
 - (e) Any other relevant information such as consent, no objection or supporting letters from parties concerned.

Annex II to Marine Department Notice No. 24 of 2009

Information to be provided for Promulgation of Marine Department Notice for Proposed Yacht Race, Swimming Race or Regatta

1. Nature of the activity - A full description of the activity to be undertaken.
e.g. yacht race; swimming race; regatta; etc.
2. Date and time of commencement - The proposed date and time of commencement of the event.
3. Date and time of completion - The anticipated date and time of completion of the event.
4. Daily duration - The daily activity hours if the activity lasts more than one day.
5. Race venue - A general description of the location of the race venue, together with a plan.
6. Activity programme and schedule - The programme and schedule of the event.
7. Vessels / numbers of persons involved - The types, numbers of vessels and numbers of persons participating in the activity.
8. Safety measures - Specific safety measures to be taken shall be described.
e.g. the number of rescue boats; communication means; etc.
9. Marker buoys (if any) - The type, colour, size, light characteristics and positions of marker buoys shall be stated.
10. Person-in-charge - The name of the person-in-charge together with his/ her name, office and after office contact telephone numbers, mobile phone; etc. shall be provided.
11. Drawing - A drawing in A4 size showing the race venue and/ or routes in relation to the surrounding marine and navigation environment at a suitable scale shall be provided.
12. Other relevant information - These include typhoon arrangements; contingency plans, copies of relevant permits to hold the race; etc.