

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 78 OF 1999

(Statutory Requirements and Related Information)

Application for Licensing of Tankers and Oil barges

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the review on licensing of tankers and oil barges has been completed. It concludes, amongst other things, that the provision of a safe mooring in Hong Kong waters is essential for the safe operation of this type of vessels, especially during the onset of tropical cyclones.

2. With immediate effect, arrangements for licensing tankers and oil barges are made as follows :-

- (i) New application for the issue of licence for self-propelled tankers or oil barges will only be considered if the owner/operator can provide a safe mooring for the concerned vessel, in Hong Kong waters, to the satisfaction of the Director of Marine. In this connection, the Kau Yi Chau Dangerous Goods Anchorage will not be accepted for such purpose as from now on;
- (ii) Application for the issue of licence for non self-propelled tankers or oil barges will continue to be denied. Application for replacement of the existing non self-propelled tankers or oil barges will be considered only if the replacement vessel is self-propelled; and
- (iii) New tankers or oil barges shall be constructed and licensed within one year from the date when approval in principle is given.

3. Marine Department Notice No. 11 of 1999 is hereby superseded.

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