

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 23 OF 2018

(Statutory Requirements and Related Information)

Amendments to Vessel Traffic Services Reporting Procedures, Calling-in Points, VHF Sectors and VHF Channels

Owners, operators, masters, coxswains and persons-in-charge of vessels are advised that Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) reporting procedures, calling-in points, demarcation of Very High Frequency radio (VHF) sectors and associated VHF channels will be revised and come into effect on 1 March 2018. Details are given in Appendices I, II and III respectively.

2. A drawing showing the revised calling-in points, demarcation of VHF sectors and associated VHF channels is attached to this Notice.

3. Information on the aforementioned revision is also available at the Marine Department website : http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/publication/pdf/vtc_pamphlet.pdf.

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VTs Reporting Procedures

1. **Initial Report**

The master/coxswain of a vessel which is on a course to enter Hong Kong waters from sea or river trade waters shall report the following information to the Vessel Traffic Centre (VTC) on the VHF channel appropriate to the VHF sector into which the vessel is to enter:

- (a) the name of the vessel;
- (b) the call sign of that vessel;
- (c) the national colours of that vessel;
- (d) any material changes to information provided in the pre-arrival notification;
- (e) the present location of the vessel; and
- (f) any other information as may be required by the VTC.

2. **Pilot Report**

When a vessel embarks or disembarks a pilot in the waters of Hong Kong, the master/coxswain of the vessel must report the embarkation or disembarkation to the VTC giving the time of the embarkation or disembarkation and the location of the vessel on the VHF channel appropriate to the VHF sector in which the vessel is located.

3. **Arrival Report**

When a vessel arrives in the waters of Hong Kong, the master/coxswain of the vessel must report the arrival to the VTC giving the time of the arrival and the berth or other location of the vessel on the VHF channel appropriate to the VHF sector in which the vessel is located.

4. **Movement Report**

Before a vessel gets underway for a movement within the waters of Hong Kong, the master/coxswain must report the intended movement of that vessel to the VTC and request permission to move on the VHF channel appropriate to the VHF sector and provide the following information:

- (a) the name of the vessel;
- (b) the call sign of the vessel;
- (c) the present berth or other location of the vessel;

- (d) the intended berth or other intended location of the vessel;
- (e) any special condition of the vessel; and
- (f) any other relevant information, including the intention of the master/coxswain of the vessel to undertake a seatrial during the movement.

5. Move Finished Report

When a vessel ceases to be underway, the master/coxswain must report the cessation of the movement of the vessel to the VTC giving the time of the cessation and the berth or other location of the vessel on the VHF channel appropriate to the VHF sector in which the vessel is located.

6. Departure Report

Before a vessel gets underway for a departure from the waters of Hong Kong, the master/coxswain must report the intended departure of that vessel to the VTC and request permission to depart on the VHF channel appropriate to the VHF sector and provide the following information:

- (a) the name of the vessel;
- (b) the call sign of the vessel;
- (c) the present berth or other location of the vessel;
- (d) the number of the port clearance;
- (e) any special condition of the vessel; and
- (f) any other relevant information, including the intention of the master/coxswain of the vessel to undertake a seatrial before the departure.

7. Delay Report

When the movement or departure reported to the VTC is delayed for any reason, the master/coxswain of the vessel must report the delay to the VTC on the VHF channel appropriate to the VHF sector in which the vessel is located.

Appendix II

Calling-in Points

When a vessel is in the vicinity of any calling-in point as depicted below, the master of that vessel shall report the identity of that calling-in point, and the position of the vessel in relation thereto, to the Vessel Traffic Centre on the VHF channel appropriate to the VHF sector in which the vessel is presently located in the waters of Hong Kong.

1. Eastern Approaches

- (a) Tathong Channel Separation Buoy No. 1
- (b) Lei Yue Mun

2. South-eastern Approaches

- (a) Waglan Lighthouse
- (b) Lamma Patch

3. South-eastern Approaches (via Sheung Sz Mun)

- (a) Waglan Lighthouse
- (b) Lamma Patch

4. South-western Approaches

- (a) Cheung Chau Buoy

5. Western Approaches (via Adamasta Channel)

- (a) Fan Lau Kok
- (b) Adamasta Rock

6. Western Approaches (via north of Lantau Island)

- (a) Sha Chau
- (b) Castle Peak No. 1 Buoy

7. North-western Approaches

- (a) Urmston Road Pilot Station
- (b) Castle Peak No. 1 Buoy

8. Northern Fairway and Rambler Channel

- (a) Northern 4 Buoy
- (b) Cheung Tsing Bridge

Boundaries of the VHF sectors and VHF Channels

The boundaries of the VHF Sectors are revised and delineated below. Where a master of a vessel in the waters of Hong Kong is to report to the Vessel Traffic Centre, he should use the VHF Channel appropriate to the VHF Sector in which the vessel is presently located in those waters.

1. Eastern Approaches (VHF Channel 12)

The area of the waters of Hong Kong bounded to the west:

- (a) by a straight line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Siu Chau Wan Point to the westernmost extremity of A Kung Ngam Point (sometimes known as Kung Am);
- (b) by a straight line drawn from position 22°15.393' N, 114°07.869' E to position 22°14.470' N, 114°07.085' E;
- (c) by a straight line drawn from position 22°10.968' N, 114°06.847' E to position 22°08.910' N, 114°04.657' E.

2. Western Approaches (VHF Channel 67)

The area of the waters of Hong Kong bounded:

- (a) by longitude 114°00.000' E between the points where it intersects the mainland and the northern shore of Lantau Island;
- (b) by latitude 22°14.000' N between the points where it intersects the western shore of Lantau Island and the boundary of Hong Kong waters.

3. Harbour (VHF Channel 14)

The area of the waters of Hong Kong bounded:

- (a) by longitude 114°00.000' E between the points where it intersects the northern shore of Lantau Island and the mainland;
- (b) by a straight line drawn from position 22°15.952' N, 114°01.410' E to position 22°15.477' N, 114°01.666' E;

- (c) by a straight line drawn from position 22°14.475' N, 114°02.685' E to position 22°13.166' N, 114°06.180' E;
- (d) by a straight line drawn from position 22°15.393' N, 114°07.869' E to position 22°14.470' N, 114°07.085' E;
- (e) by a straight line drawn from the westernmost point of the Island of Hong Kong to the westernmost point of Green Island;
- (f) by a straight line drawn from the westernmost point of Green Island to position 22°19.000' N, 114°06.459' E;
- (g) by a straight line drawn from position 22°19.000' N, 114°06.459' E to position 22°19.431' N, 114°07.358' E.

4. Harbour East (VHF Channel 02)

The area of the waters of Hong Kong bounded:

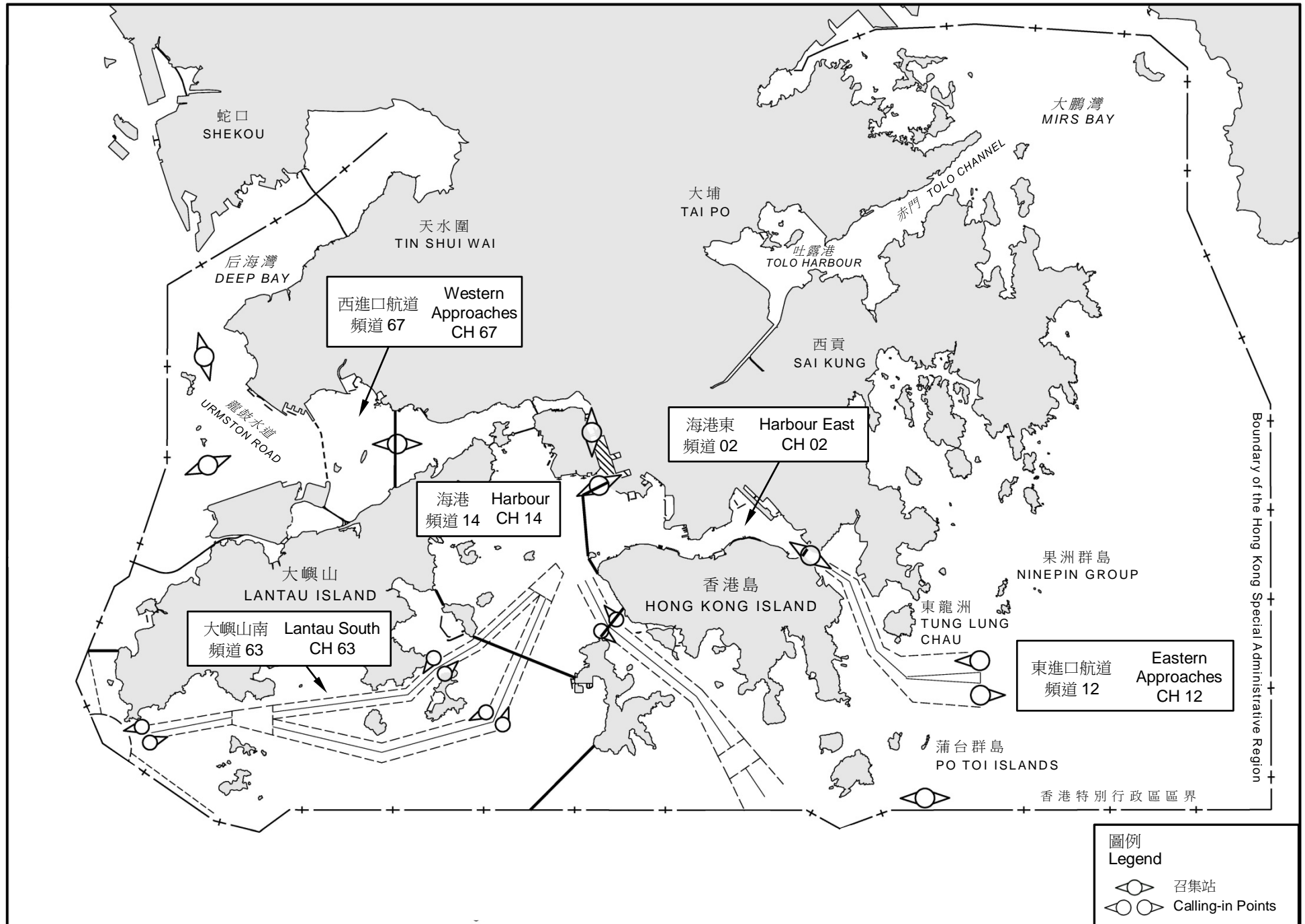
- (a) by a straight line drawn from the westernmost point of the Island of Hong Kong to the westernmost point of Green Island;
- (b) by a straight line drawn from the westernmost point of Green Island to position 22°19.000' N, 114°06.459' E;
- (c) by a straight line drawn from position 22°19.000' N, 114°06.459' E to position 22°19.431' N, 114°07.358' E;
- (d) by a straight line drawn from the westernmost extremity of Siu Chau Wan Point to the westernmost extremity of A Kung Ngam Point (sometimes known as Kung Am).

5. Lantau South (VHF Channel 63)

The area of the waters of Hong Kong bounded:

- (a) by latitude 22°14.000' N between the points where it intersects the western shore of Lantau Island and the boundary of Hong Kong waters;
- (b) by a straight line drawn from position 22°15.952' N, 114°01.410' E to position 22°15.477' N, 114°01.666' E;
- (c) by a straight line drawn from position 22°14.475' N, 114°02.685' E to position 22°13.166' N, 114°06.180' E;
- (d) by a straight line drawn from position 22°10.968' N, 114°06.847' E to position 22°08.910' N, 114°04.657' E.

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