

LOCAL VESSELS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Consolidated amendments to Code of Practice – Safety Standards for Class I, II, III and IV Vessels

Purpose

This paper sets out the Marine Department (MD)'s proposed amendments to the Code of Practice Safety Standards for Class I, II, III and IV vessels, collectively referred to as "CoPs".

Background

2. The CoPs mentioned above provide practical guidance in respect of safety requirements under the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) and its subsidiary legislations. To ensure that the CoPs are up to date with the development of the industry, MD conducts regular reviews of the CoPs. To enhance consistency in survey work, MD considers it is necessary to incorporate survey related Marine Department Notices into CoPs. Comments from the industry will also be taken into consideration. The recent review suggests amendments covering the following areas:

- (a) clarification of certain provisions;
- (b) correction of editorial errors; and
- (c) incorporation of survey related Marine Department Notices.

Amendments of CoPs

3. MD proposes to amend the CoPs as set out in Annex 1, with the draft of the CoPs in Annex 2. The changes are shown in red for ease of reference. The changes will not affect the existing requirements on local vessels.

Way forward

4. Members are requested to note the amendments. Once the effective date of the amendments is confirmed, the amended version of CoPs will be gazetted and uploaded to MD's website.

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