

PILOTAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Proposed Amendments to Pilotage (Dues) Order, Cap. 84D
(Proposed Additional Dues
for Pilotage Services Performed Beyond Pilot Boarding Station)**

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek members' advice and endorsement on the proposed amendments to Paragraph 4 of Part 2 of the Pilotage (Dues) Order, Cap. 84D, to meet present pilotage service needs.

Background

2. The Pilotage (Dues) Order, Cap. 84D provides for the amounts of standard pilotage dues, additional pilotage dues payable for pilotage services performed by licensed pilots.

3. Paragraph 4 of Part 2 of the Schedule provides that:

“An additional pilotage due of \$1,482 per half an hour or part thereof shall be payable for any pilotage service performed, where a pilot is required to proceed outwards beyond a pilot boarding station, from the time the ship passes a pilot boarding station outwards until the ship passes a pilot boarding station (PBS) inwards.”

Proposal

4. The Hong Kong Pilots Association (HKPA) has suggested that pilots should be reasonably remunerated for the extra time and efforts involved in performing pilotage services. On its suitability of applying to present pilotage services beyond PBS, HKPA opined that Cap. 84D should be suitably amended

to accommodate such pilotage services performed, and suggested adding some new paragraphs after Paragraph 4 of Part 2 as follows:

“4A. An additional pilotage due of \$1,482 per half an hour or part thereof shall be payable for any pilotage service performed, where a pilot is required to proceed outwards beyond a PBS, from the time the ship passes a PBS outwards until the pilot disembarks from the ship beyond the PBS.

4B. An additional pilotage due of \$1,482 per half an hour or part thereof shall be payable for any pilotage service performed, where a pilot is required to board a ship beyond a PBS, from the time the pilot boards the ship until the ship passes the PBS inwards.

4C. An additional pilotage due of \$1,482 per half an hour or part thereof shall be payable for any pilotage service performed, where a pilot is required to board and disembark from a ship beyond a PBS, from the time the pilot boards the ship until the pilot disembarks from the ship.”

Consultation

5. These proposals were discussed in the PAC Working Group (WG) meeting held on 5 September 2025¹, members of the WG supported these three proposals. HKPA has raised that the time spent on conveying a pilot beyond PBS for boarding or disembarkation should also be remunerated. However, members of the WG did not support this as it was considered inappropriate to levy additional dues on transportation where no pilotage service was performed.

Presentation

6. This paper will be presented by Marine Manager, Pilotage.

¹ PACWG Paper No. 7/2025

Advice Sought

7. Members' advice and endorsement are sought on the proposal at paragraph 4 above.

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