

## **Information Paper**

### **Port Operation Committee**

#### **Port Dues Incentive Scheme for Green Maritime Fuel-related Vessels**

##### **Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to inform members of the Port Dues Incentive Scheme for Green Maritime Fuel-related Vessels (“the Incentive”) and the application procedures.

##### **Background**

2. Maritime decarbonisation has become an irreversible global trend, especially with the International Maritime Organisation having set the goal of achieving net-zero greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping by or around 2050. As such, the Government promulgated the Action Plan on Green Maritime Fuel Bunkering (“the Action Plan”) on 15 November 2024 to formulate five strategies and 10 action measures to develop Hong Kong into a high-quality green maritime fuel bunkering centre, and encouraging and motivating the industry to provide green maritime fuel bunkering services and thereby supporting the green transformation of the maritime industry. As committed in the Action Plan and announced in 2026-27 Hong Kong Budget, the Government will provide various financial incentives to help lower the cost of transitioning to green maritime fuels by the maritime industry and expedite the establishment of Hong Kong as a green port.

3. In view of this, the Marine Department (“MD”) will introduce the Incentive to reduce certain port dues<sup>1</sup> for green maritime fuel-related ocean-going vessel powered by, carrying, and/or bunkering specified green maritime fuels in Hong Kong (“relevant vessel”) for a period of 3 years commencing in Q2 2026 and the commencement date will be announced in press release.

### **The Incentive**

4. The amount of the Incentive is equivalent to 25% or 50% of the port dues paid during the visit of relevant vessel in Hong Kong. The following table outlines the details of the specified operations and the associated incentive in relation to percentage of port dues levied.

| <b>Cat.</b> | <b>Specified operations</b>  | <b>Amount of incentive<br/>(% of port dues levied)</b> |
|-------------|--|--|
| A           | OGV supplying green maritime fuels <sup>1</sup> , other than bio-diesel in Hong Kong   | 50%  |
| B           | OGV receiving green maritime fuels, other than bio-diesel in Hong Kong   | 50%  |
| C           | OGV powered by green maritime fuels, other than bio-diesel in Hong Kong (excluding vessels falling into Cat. A and B)                      | 25%  |
| D           | OGV carrying or receiving bio-diesel (i.e. blend with at least 20% bio-fuel) in Hong Kong (excluding vessels falling into Cat. A, B and C) | 25%  |

Note: If a vessel qualifies under multiple categories, it should receive incentives at the highest applicable level.

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<sup>1</sup> Port dues include: (a) port facilities and light dues; (b) anchorages dues; (c) buoy dues; and (d) fee for a port clearance permit

<sup>1</sup> Green maritime fuels under the Incentive: (a) Liquefied Natural Gas; (b) Methanol; (c) Hydrogen; and (d) Ammonia.

## **Application**

5. The application period opens in Q2 2026 and the commencement date will be announced in press release. Any vessels eligible for the Incentive should submit a completed application form together with supporting documents to the MD for approval. Subject to the information received, MD may request an applicant to provide further information as necessary. A detailed introduction and application procedures for the Incentive is enclosed at **Annex**.

## **Advice Sought**

6. Members are invited to note the Incentive, and offer comments to the arrangement of application. In case of any enquiry on this matter, please contact Mr. Johnny NG by phone at 2852 4455, or by email: [jyln@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:jyln@mardep.gov.hk).

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Annex - Introduction for Port Dues Incentive Scheme for Green Maritime Fuel-related Vessels