

## Information Paper

### **Extension of the Scope of a Points System for Strengthening the Management of Private Moorings**

#### **Purpose**

The Marine Department (“MD”) will extend the scope to cover all private mooring (“PMs”) permissions issued before 22 June 2018.

#### **Existing Points System of PMs**

2. To enhance the transparency of MD’s enforcement action against irregularities and breaches of conditions in the use of PMs and to maintain a record of compliance, MD has introduced a Points System in June 2018, which aims to refine the existing enforcement regime against improper use of PMs and to encourage compliance with the Conditions. The Points System is applicable to all PM permissions issued on or after 22 June 2018.

3. Under the Points System, a certain number of points will be allocated to the PM owner depending on the severity of the irregularities and the breaches of conditions found. Notices with the number of points newly accrued and the total number of points accumulated will be issued to the PM owner to remind him to rectify the irregularities. If the PM owner fails to rectify the irregularities, additional notices will be issued and additional points will accrue. Once the PM owner accrues more than 15 points (viz. has accumulated 16 points or above) within three years, the permission will be cancelled.

4. The points allotment mechanism of the Points System<sup>1</sup> covers the following situations –

- (a) *Minor irregularities<sup>2</sup> and major irregularities<sup>3</sup> found in an inspection and without proper follow-up action taken by the PM owner; and*
- (b) *Failure to pay the prescribed PM fees.*

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<sup>1</sup> Points allotment mechanism of the Points System is available on MD web page ([https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/private\\_mooring\\_ps.pdf](https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/forms/pdf/private_mooring_ps.pdf))

## **Extension of the Scope of Points System to all Permissions issued before 22 June 2018**

5. To strengthen further the management of PMs, MD will apply the aforementioned Points System to all PM permissions issued before 22 June 2018. For permissions issued **before 22 June 2018 and with the three-year validity period**, the Points System will be applied to them upon successful extension.

6. For permissions issued **before 22 June 2018 and without the three-year validity period**, the Points System will be applied to them **with effect from 1 January 2022**.

7. MD will review the implementation of the Points System and other related measures from time to time and make relevant adjustments as appropriate.

### **Enquiry**

8. For enquiry, please call the Officer-in-charge of Private Mooring Sub-unit on telephone 2545 0264.

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<sup>2</sup> Minor irregularities include the following:

- the private mooring is not properly maintained, e.g. deformation, swelled, holed;
- the private mooring has its mooring number obliterated/defaced; and
- the private mooring has other attachment other than those specified in the Conditions.

<sup>3</sup> Major Irregularities:

- the private mooring is out of the approved position;
- the private mooring is submerged;
- the private mooring is missing;
- the private mooring is secured more than the number of vessel allowed to be moored, and
- the private mooring is moored with a vessel exceeding the specified maximum dimensions.