

Points System

To enhance the transparency of the enforcement action of the Marine Department (“MD”) against irregularities or breaches of conditions in the use of Private Mooring (“PM”) and to build up the record of compliance, MD has introduced the Points System to guard against improper use of PM and to encourage compliance with the Conditions. The Points System has applied to all PM since 1 January 2022.

2. 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 a period of three years, the Permit to Lay Private Mooring will be cancelled.**

Points Allotment Mechanism

3. The points allotment mechanism of the Points System is set out at **Annex**, which cover the details –

- (a) *For minor irregularities¹ and major irregularities² found in an inspection and without proper follow-up action taken by the PM owner; and*
- (b) *For failure to pay the prescribed PM fees.*

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

Enquiry

5. For enquiry, please call the Duty Inspector of Private Mooring Sub-unit on telephone 2545 0264.

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¹ 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.

² 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.

