

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (100) Marine Department  
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Question:

Regarding the initial and periodical safety inspections of locally-licensed and river trade vessels, please advise on:

- (a) the annual numbers of initial and periodical safety inspections required to be carried out (please list out the respective numbers for the four classes of vessels or other types of vessels) in the past 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23);
- (b) the annual numbers of initial and periodical safety inspections entrusted to the Government (please list out the respective numbers for the four classes of vessels or other types of vessels) in the past 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23); and
- (c) the staffing involved in conducting the above safety inspections and the average number of cases handled by each officer annually in the past 3 years (2020-21 to 2022-23).

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

Safety inspections for Class I vessels (i.e. passenger-carrying vessels) and Class II vessels which carry dangerous goods and large size Class IV vessels are required to be conducted by either Marine Department (MD) officers or authorised classification societies, while safety inspections of other vessels can be conducted by either MD officers, authorised classification societies or authorised surveyors in the private sector.

(a)

(i) The number of locally-licensed vessels (including river trade vessels) requiring initial safety inspections in the past three years are as follows -

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Class I Vessels	7	10	9
Class II Vessels	66	66	42
Class III Vessels	21	36	27
Class IV Vessels	5	7	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>83</b>

(ii) The number of locally-licensed vessels (including river trade vessels) requiring periodical safety inspections in the past three years are as follows -

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Class I Vessels	362	401	403
Class II Vessels	1 694	1 718	1 571
Class III Vessels	924	1 813 *	998
Class IV Vessels	74	77	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 054</b>	<b>4 009</b>	<b>3 045</b>

\* In 2021, there was a surge in the number of mobile fishing vessels that were inspected in the Mainland due to the resumption of mobile fishing vessels inspection.

(b)

(i) The number of locally-licensed vessels (including river trade vessels) whose initial safety inspections were conducted by MD in the past three years are as follows -

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Class I Vessels	7	1	0
Class II Vessels	8	3	1
Class III Vessels	7	9	8
Class IV Vessels	4	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>

(ii) The number of locally-licensed vessels (including river trade vessels) whose periodical safety inspections were conducted by MD in the past three years are as follows –

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Class I Vessels	362	390	386
Class II Vessels	492	409	358
Class III Vessels	347	457	278
Class IV Vessels	72	54	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 273</b>	<b>1 310</b>	<b>1 069</b>

(c) Safety inspections detailed in the tables in (b) above are conducted by 20 ship surveyors and ship inspectors of the Local Vessels Safety Section of MD. The average number of cases handled by each officer annually is 65 in 2020, 66 in 2021 and 54 in 2022.