

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 92 OF 2014

(Statutory Requirements & Related Information)

Control of Dark Smoke Emission from Vessels

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the legislative amendments to the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313) and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548) to enhance the control of dark smoke emission from vessels have been gazetted on 18 July 2014 and come into immediate effect. The details are set out as follows:-

Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Cap. 313)

2. Pursuant to the amended Section 50 of Cap. 313, it is an offence for any vessel in the waters of Hong Kong to emit dark smoke which is as dark as, or darker than, Shade 2 on the Ringelmann Chart for 3 minutes or more continuously at any one time. In case of contravention, the owner of the vessel, his agent and the master each commits an offence and is liable to a fine of HK\$25,000 for a first conviction, and to a fine of HK\$50,000 for any subsequent conviction.

Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) Ordinance (Cap. 548)

3. Pursuant to the amended Section 51 of Cap. 548, it is an offence for any local vessel in the waters of Hong Kong to emit dark smoke which is as dark as, or darker than, Shade 2 on the Ringelmann Chart for 3 minutes or more continuously at any one time. In case of contravention, the owner of the vessel, his agent and the coxswain each commits an offence and is liable to a fine of HK\$10,000 for a first conviction, and to a fine of HK\$25,000 for any subsequent conviction.

4. If an authorized officer has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the provision for dark smoke emission has been contravened in relation to a local vessel, the officer may direct the owner or coxswain of the vessel, to deliver the vessel, within the time and at the place specified in the direction, to the Director of Marine for ascertaining whether dark smoke emits from the vessel. A person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with the aforementioned direction commits an offence and is liable to a fine of HK\$5,000.

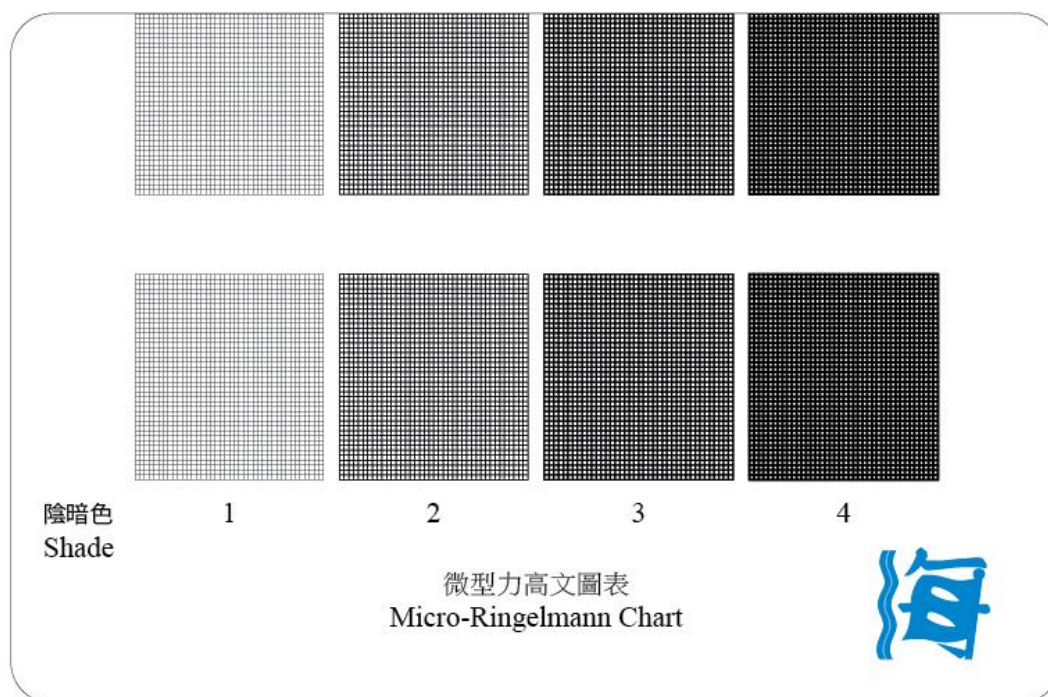
5. Masters/coxswains, owners, agents and operators are required to observe the new requirements and to exercise due diligence to maintain the engine and fuel system onboard their vessels in good conditions so as to avoid excessive dark smoke emission.
6. A sample of the Ringelmann Chart is attached to this Notice.

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此微型力高文圖表按照力高文教授所訂的規格製作。

This Micro-Ringelmann Chart is made in accordance with the specifications set by Prof. Ringelmann.



根據香港法例，在香港水域內任何船隻如排放的黑煙與力高文圖表上的 2 號陰暗色同等深色或較之更深色，任何一次持續 3 分鐘或以上，即屬犯法。

According to the Laws of Hong Kong, any vessel in the waters of Hong Kong emits dark smoke which is as dark as or darker than Shade 2 on the Ringelmann Chart for 3 minutes or more continuously at any one time is an offence.

此圖表只供參考，在任何情況下均不得作為量度黑煙的工具。

This chart is for reference only. Under no circumstances should it be used as a device for dark smoke measurement.