

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 171/2023

(Statutory Requirements)

Implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2023

The Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulation 2023 (the “Amendment Regulation”) will come into operation on 1 January 2024 to implement the amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) as stipulated in resolution MSC.501(105) adopted by the International Maritime Organization. Details of the Amendment Regulation can be found in the following link:-

<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20232726/es220232726107.pdf>

2. The following amendments made by the Amendment Regulation apply to local vessels engaged in maritime transport of dangerous goods:

- (a) permission for transport of several self-reactive substances in packaging;
- (b) addition of special packing provision for UN 3550 substance; and
- (c) provision for using portable tanks with shells made of fibre-reinforced plastics (FRP) materials.

3. Shipowners, operators and coxswains of local vessels are required to observe and comply with the requirements of the Amendment Regulation. For enquiries, please contact the Senior Surveyor of Ships / Environmental Policy at telephone number 2852 3905 or by e-mail to “hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk”.

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