

## **MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 135/2024**

(Miscellaneous Information)

### **New Endorsements of Local Certificate of Competency for Local Vessel Operators**

This Notice serves to inform owners, coxswains, engine operators and approved training course service providers that new endorsements related to the training of handling of cargo (i.e. oil, chemical, gas) and or alternative fuels for the Local Certificate of Competency for coxswains and engine operators (collectively as “Operators”) operating local oil carriers, chemical carriers, gas carriers and vessels using alternative fuels will be introduced on 29 July 2024.

2. Under the new arrangement, all Operators should hold the relevant endorsements of training on the handling of cargo and or alternative fuels for operating local oil carriers, chemical carriers, gas carriers and vessels using alternative fuels respectively. The “Examination Rules for Local Certificates of Competency” and “Examination Rules for Pleasure Vessel Operator Certificate of Competency” (collectively as “Exam Rules”), and the Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Local Certificates of Competency) Rules (“MS Rules”) have been amended to include the new endorsements.

3. To apply for the endorsements, please refer to the requirements on the Chapter 2 of July 2024 Edition of the “Exam Rules”. The updated “Exam Rules” are posted on MD’s website:

[https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub\\_services/pdf/examrules\\_lv.pdf](https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/pdf/examrules_lv.pdf)

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4. The relevant endorsements of training on the handling of cargo and alternative fuels are added to the list of Schedule 2 of the endorsements for Coxswains (Grade 1, 2 and 3), Engine Operators (Grade 1, 2 and 3) and Pleasure Vessel Operator (Grade 1 and 2) of the amended “MS Rules”.

<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/filemanager/en/share/pub-services/pdf/cocrules.pdf>

5. For enquiry, please contact the River Trade and Local Examination Section (Address: 3/F Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong, Tel.: 2852 4368, Fax: 2541 6754, email: [ssrtl@mardep.gov.hk](mailto:ssrtl@mardep.gov.hk)).

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