

## Government proposes to amend regulation on prevention of air pollution from ships

The Government proposes to amend the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation to incorporate the latest requirements of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of the International Maritime Organization in relation to the prevention of air pollution from ships into local legislation.

A spokesman for the Transport and Housing Bureau today (February 22) said, "The proposed amendments include strengthening the requirements on the emission standard of nitrogen oxides in emission control areas, as well as setting up a data collection system for fuel oil consumption of ships."

The Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development and the Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee of the Marine Department have been consulted. Members supported the legislative proposal.

The legislative proposal was gazetted today and will be tabled at the Legislative Council on February 27 for negative vetting.

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## New regulation on training requirements on seafarers working on ships operating in polar waters proposed

The Government proposes to make a new regulation under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance to incorporate the latest seafarers' training requirements as set out in the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters of the International Maritime Organization into local legislation.

A spokesman for the Transport and Housing Bureau today (February 22) said, "The proposed Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships Operating in Polar Waters) Regulation mandates all seafarers serving on Hong Kong-registered ships operating in polar waters to receive relevant training and obtain the necessary certificates."

The Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development and the Shipping Consultative Committee of the Marine Department have been consulted. Members supported the legislative proposal.

The legislative proposal was gazetted today and will be tabled at the Legislative Council on February 27 for negative vetting.

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## [Updates to seafarer training regulations proposed](#)

The Government proposes to introduce a new regulation under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance and amend the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Passenger Ships – Training) Regulation to incorporate the latest seafarers' training requirements under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers of the International Maritime Organization into local legislation.

A spokesman for the Transport and Housing Bureau today (February 22) said, "The new Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships Using Low-flashpoint Fuels) Regulation makes it compulsory for seafarers working on those ships to receive training in handling low-flashpoint fuels and obtain relevant training certificates. The amended Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Passenger Ships – Training) Regulation requires that emergency plans and mustering procedures of ships must be included in crowd management training for seafarers working on passenger ships to ensure that those seafarers will have the knowledge and ability to deal with emergency situations."

The Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development and the Shipping Consultative Committee of the Marine Department have been consulted. Members supported the legislative proposal.

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## [Proposed closure of footpath at Shing Fung Road in Kai Tak gazetted](#)

The Government gazetted today (February 22) the proposed permanent closure and demolition of a section of the existing footpath at Shing Fung

Road to facilitate the future development of the waterfront promenade within the Kai Tak Development.

The plans and the scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
G/F, Harbour Building,  
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Kowloon City Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
LG/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,  
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon

Kwun Tong Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
G/F, The Grande Building,  
398 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon

Wong Tai Sin Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
Unit 201, 2/F, Lung Cheung Office Block,  
138 Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon

District Lands Office, Kowloon East and Kowloon West,  
10/F, Yau Ma Tei Carpark Building,  
250 Shanghai Street, Kowloon

The gazette notice, scheme, plans and location plan will be available at [www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm](http://www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm).

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to [gazettethb@thb.gov.hk](mailto:gazettethb@thb.gov.hk).

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than April 23, 2019.

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# Proposed road works at Kam Tin South in Yuen Long gazetted

The Government gazetted today (February 22) the proposed road works at Kam Tin South, Yuen Long, which are required to serve the anticipated traffic demand induced by the future public housing developments in the area.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
G/F, Harbour Building,  
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,  
G/F, Yuen Long District Office Building,  
269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

District Lands Office, Yuen Long,  
9/F, Yuen Long Government Offices,  
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plan, resumption plan and location plan will be available at  
[www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm](http://www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm).

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