

Shipping Legislation (Use of Fuels and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2024 to take effect on January 10 next year

The Government today (November 8) gazetted the Shipping Legislation (Use of Fuels and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2024 (Commencement) Notice to appoint January 10, 2025, as the day on which the Shipping Legislation (Use of Fuels and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2024 (the Ordinance) shall come into effect.

The Ordinance was enacted by the Legislative Council earlier, which was a critical step in developing Hong Kong into a green maritime fuel bunkering centre. It aims to allow vessels to use more environmentally friendly new fuels in Hong Kong waters under existing legislation in addition to traditional petroleum fuels, and to incorporate into the legislation additional safety and environmental considerations in relation to the use of such fuels.

The Commencement Notice will be tabled at the Legislative Council on November 13 for negative vetting.