

Introduction for Port Dues Incentive Scheme for Green Maritime Fuel-related Vessels

In view of the significant increase in cost for the maritime industry during green transition, including the cost of retrofitting existing vessels or building green maritime fuel-powered ocean-going vessels (“OGVs”), as well as that of switching to using green maritime fuels which are relatively expensive at the moment, the Government has launched the Port Dues Incentive Scheme for Green Maritime Fuel-related vessels (“the Incentive”) to help lower their cost of transitioning and narrow the price gap between traditional maritime fuels and green maritime fuels.

2. Green maritime fuel-related OGV powered by, carrying, and/or bunkering specified green maritime fuels in Hong Kong (“relevant vessel”) may apply for the Incentive. The amount of the Incentive is equivalent to 25% or 50% of the port dues paid during the visit of the relevant vessel in Hong Kong.

Validity of the Incentive

3. The Incentive is valid for 3 years commencing from 16 June 2026 to 15 June 2029.

Eligibility

4. The relevant vessel must satisfy the following conditions:
- (i) be subject to port dues under of the Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313A), including port facilities and light dues, anchorages dues, buoy dues and fee for a port clearance permit; and
 - (ii) conduct one or more specified operations listed in paragraph 6 throughout the visit in Hong Kong.

Green Maritime Fuels

5. The following types of fuel are considered as Green Maritime Fuels under the incentive:

- (i) Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”)
- (ii) Methanol
- (iii) Hydrogen
- (iv) Ammonia

Specified Operations

6. The relevant vessel must conduct at least one of the following specified operations during the visit in Hong Kong:

| Category | Specified operations | Amount of incentive (% of port dues levied) |
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| A | OGV supplying green maritime fuels, other than bio-diesel in Hong Kong | 50% |
| B | OGV receiving green maritime fuels, other than bio-diesel in Hong Kong | 50% |
| C | OGV powered by green maritime fuels, other than bio-diesel in Hong Kong (excluding vessels falling into category A and B) | 25% |
| D | OGV carrying or receiving bio-diesel (i.e. blend with at least 20% bio-fuel) in Hong Kong (excluding vessels falling into category A, B and C) | 25% |

Note: If a vessel qualifies under multiple categories, it should receive incentives at the highest applicable level.

Application Procedures

7. The shipowner or his/her agent must submit the application form together with supporting documents to the Marine Department (“MD”) **no later than 3 months after the departure from Hong Kong**. Late application will not be considered.

Supporting documents

8. The shipowner or his/her agent shall submit the following supporting documents:

- (i) Certificate of Registry of the vessel;
- (ii) Business registration of the shipowner (Hong Kong or foreign country);
- (iii) Application authorisation form completed by shipowner (if applicable);
- (iv) Certificate of incorporation and valid business registration certificate of the agent (if applicable);
- (v) All demand notes showing total port dues for the trip;
- (vi) Payment receipt for the Demand Note;
- (vii) Original Copy Authority for Payment to a Bank (GF179A) (if applicable);
- (viii) Payment collection authorisation form completed by shipowner (if applicable);

For Category A only

- (ix) Copy of Cargo Manifest and other documents proving that the green maritime fuel supplied by the vessel was used on other vessel, or any other equivalent documents;

For Category B only

- (x) Copy of Bunker Delivery Note or any other equivalent document showing the vessel received green maritime fuel in Hong Kong;

For Category C only

- (xi) Copy of Engine Room Logbook or any other equivalent document showing the vessel was using green maritime fuel throughout the call in Hong Kong;

For Category D only

- (xii) For carrying bio-diesel: Copy of Cargo Manifest or other documents proving that the bio-diesel carried by the vessel was used on other vessel, and document proving that the bio-diesel is

blended with at least 20% bio-fuel, or any other equivalent documents; or

For receiving bio-diesel: Copy of Bunker Delivery Note or any other equivalent document showing the vessel received bio-diesel in Hong Kong, and document proving that the bio-diesel is blended with at least 20% bio-fuel.

Submission of Application

9. The completed application form together with the supporting documents shall be submitted by email, fax or at Central Marine Office of MD during office hours.

Central Marine Office

Address: 3/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Fax: 2581 0667

Email: pfo_mdd@mardep.gov.hk

Processing time

10. After receiving the application, MD will conduct documents check. Depending on the actual situation, the incentive for approved application will normally be delivered within 30 working days.

Payment of Incentive and Authorisation

11. The payment of Incentive would either by cheque or local bank transfer in Hong Kong Dollars. The shipowner may authorize the third party, such as shipping agent or ship management company for the application and receive the payment. The shipowner is required to provide written authorisation from shipowner for the payee appointed for receiving the Incentive.

Enquiry

12. For any enquiry, please contact Central Marine Office at 2852 3058 or by email pfo_mdd@mardep.gov.hk.