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Shipping and Harbour Craft Community

REVIEW OF TEMPORARY HARBOUR CRAFT PERMIT (THCP)

In accordance with Regulation 4 of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Harbour Craft) Regulations (the 'Harbour Craft Regulations'), every harbour craft used within the port must be licensed. Currently, any harbour craft which is not licensed but intended for temporary use for intra-port transportation of cargo or passengers, or other intra-port activities may apply for a daily Temporary Harbour Craft Permit (THCP) under Regulation 39 of the Harbour Craft Regulations.

2 It has come to MPA's attention that some companies had been applying for the THCP at continuous short intervals of THCP over a prolonged period. MPA would like to remind the community that THCP is intended to allow vessels to carry out works in the Singapore port waters for a short period of time, without the need for a harbour craft licence. For craft that has to be used in the port over a prolonged period, the vessel should be fully licensed as a harbour craft. To ensure that harbour craft applying for THCP are genuine cases that are intended only for temporary use, MPA has revised the requirement for such applications.

3 With effect from 1 September 2011, the granting of THCP will be limited to a maximum of 5 calendar days (need not be continuous) in any calendar month, and to a maximum of 15 calendar days in a calendar year. This will apply on a per vessel basis.

4 As a transition, for calendar year 2011, the limit of 15 calendar days will apply only for THCP for use of vessel between 1 September 2011 and 31 December 2011 (both dates inclusive).

5 To minimise the probability of the cancellation of THCP due to last minute changes as well as the inconvenience faced by companies in seeking refund of permit fees, companies will be allowed to apply for the THCP only up to 3 days in advance. In addition, no refund of permit fees will be allowed, even if the THCP was not utilised. These changes will take effect from 1 September 2011.

6 For clarifications on the contents of this circular, please direct your queries to the following officers:

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