

CAP 200A SUPPRESSION OF PIRACY REGULATIONS

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These regulations may be cited as the Suppression of Piracy Regulations.

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In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

"passenger" () means any person carried in a vessel, other than the owner, charterer and licensee, their families, agents, servants and workmen, and the master, pilot, officers, staff and crew;

"ship" () includes any description of vessel used in navigation in the propulsion of which use is made of any mechanical means other than oars and sails, also any description of junk or craft, howsoever propelled or moved, used or intended to be used for carrying any passenger; and

"vessel" () includes any ship or boat, and any other description of craft used in navigation.

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The Commissioner of Police shall have power to search any vessel, and after search to make further searches, and to detain any vessel for such purpose, and he may delegate his powers under this regulation.

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Remarks

Amendments retroactively made - see 13 of 1999 s. 3

Every vessel in the waters of Hong Kong shall stop when hailed by the police.

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The owners, agents, charterers and licensees shall notify the Commissioner of Police confidentially beforehand on any occasion when it is expected that treasure will be carried on a ship from or through the waters of Hong Kong.

(13 of 1999 s. 3)

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While any ship is lying alongside a wharf in the harbour of Victoria, no person, except persons concerned in the loading or unloading of the cargo of the ship, shall be permitted to come on board the ship on the side of the ship away from the wharf, and no person whatsoever shall be permitted to bring or put on board anything, except cargo, on the side of the ship away from the wharf.

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ships by special or general instructions issued from time to time by the
Commissioner of Police.

Subject to exemption granted under these regulations and to the provisos herein contained, no ship shall carry any passenger or attempt to carry any passenger from the harbour of Victoria on any voyage in the waters surrounding the Island of Hong Kong within the following boundaries-

- (a) on the east: a north and south line drawn through the Fat Tong Mun Pass;
- (b) on the west: a north and south line drawn through the Kap Shui Mun Pass; and
- (c) on the south: an east and west line drawn through the centre of Lo Chau or Beaufort Island, and continued until it meets the east and west boundaries (hereinafter referred to as the local trade limits)

or leave or attempt to leave any place of mooring or place of call in the waters of Hong Kong and outside the said harbour, while carrying or for the purpose of carrying any passenger to any place within the local trade limits, unless and until a search of the nature mentioned in regulation 10 has been carried out, nor until the master or other person in charge thereof shall have obtained a certificate in writing of the kind mentioned in regulation 10: (13 of 1999 s. 3)

Provided that this regulation shall not apply-

- (a) in the case of any launch or motor boat on occasions when it is used solely for purposes of pleasure; and
- (b) to any ship anchoring solely for purposes of navigation.

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Except with the permission of the Commissioner of Police, or in saving life or rescue work at sea, no person shall be allowed to embark on and nothing shall be brought on board any ship after delivery of the certificate required by regulations 10 and 11 and before leaving the waters of Hong Kong, or arrival at the first place of call therein (notified and approved as aforesaid), as the case may be.

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The master or other person in charge of a ship shall take effective measures to cause, and he shall cause, the movements of his ship to be in accordance with these regulations, and he shall take effective measures to prevent, and he shall prevent, the coming on board or embarkation of any person and the bringing on board of anything contrary to or not in accordance with these regulations.

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The Commissioner of Police shall have power, in his discretion, to exempt any vessel from any provision or requirement of these regulations, either generally, or during any period, or on any occasion, and to impose conditions of exemption. Every condition imposed under this regulation shall be duly performed and observed by the grantee.

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These regulations shall not apply to any vessel being or having the status of a ship of war.

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Any person who contravenes any of the regulations 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14(4) and 15 shall be liable to a fine of two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months.

(G.N.A. 93 of 1951)

