

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET  
BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTER

Amendment of section 251 of the Code  
of Police Laws (Cap. 13) relating to pontoons

Section 251 of the Code of Police Laws (Cap. 13) reads as follows: "No licence in respect of any pontoon shall be granted or renewed except on production of a sworn certificate of a competent shipwright showing that the pontoon is in a good condition and fit for the purpose for which it is intended, that it has covered hatches and an iron bar crosswise that can be secured by means of a padlock, and that it is provided with a good anchor or grapnel and all hawsers or ropes necessary for its safety or transport from one harbour to another, and with sufficient tarpaulins to cover its hatches".

2. The Port Manager has pointed out that in other places hinged steel hatch doors and manhole covers are made use of in modern pontoon construction and has suggested that section 251 of the Police Laws be amended:-

- (a) by the insertion after the word "padlock" of the words "or in lieu thereof metal hatches or manholes capable of being securely closed and locked;" and
- (b) after the word "tarpaulins", by the insertion of the words "or metal covers".

3. The Minister of Industrial Development and Tourism agrees with the proposed amendment.

4. In the circumstances, Hon. Ministers are asked whether they agree that a Bill to effect these amendments be drafted and brought before the Legislative Assembly.

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