

MARINE PARKS AND MARINE RESERVES REGULATION (CAP. 476A)

PERMIT OF CONDUCTING BUSINESS ACTIVITY (CARGO LOADING/ UNLOADING/ TRANSHIPMENT) IN THE BROTHERS MARINE PARK

APPLICATION GUIDE

(Applicable for conducting cargo loading/ unloading/ transhipment by river trade vessels)

Marine operator who wishes to conduct business activity (including loading/ unloading/ transhipment of cargos) at Mooring Sites in The Brothers Marine Park must apply for a business activity permit from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD). Application procedures and point to note in submission of permit application are listed below:

Content of Permit

Barge with marine park business activity permit is allowed to operate within the specified period, while the permit only allow a maximum of 12 vessels participating in the cargo loading/ unloading/ transhipment activity.

Application Procedures

1. Applicant can download the application form “Application for permit to conduct business activity (cargo loading/ unloading/ transhipment) in The Brothers Marine Park” from the AFCD website (https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/application_form/permit/permit_cou/cou_app_primp.html).
2. Applicant shall submit the permit application to the Marine Conservation Division of AFCD **3 working days prior to the cargo loading/ unloading/ transhipment activity**, by mail, email or fax.
3. The contact of the Marine Conservation Division of AFCD is shown below:
Postal Address: Unit 09, 22/F., CDW Building, 388 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong
Email : marineparks_permit@afcd.gov.hk
Tel. No. : 3468 3447
Fax No. : 3468 3015

4. Applicant should submit the following documents for permit application:
 - i. Completed application form;
 - ii. Copy of applicant's valid HK Identity card or passport;
 - iii. Copy of relevant document of involved vessels (licence of barge included)
5. Applicant should read and fully understand the guideline stipulated under the Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation (Cap.476A) and special conditions of the permit as shown below:

Guideline Stipulated under the Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation :

According to the Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation (Cap.476A), the following activities should not be carried out within the boundary of Marine Park:

- ❖ Operating power driven vessels at a speed exceeding 10 knots
- ❖ Unauthorised fishing, hunting and removal or taking away any animal or plant
- ❖ Unauthorised collection of any marine life or resources
- ❖ Obstructing, polluting the water body or discharge of waste
- ❖ Unauthorised anchoring or mooring outside the designated Mooring Sites
- ❖ Unauthorised business or hawking activity
- ❖ Damage of any shoreline feature located on a beach, mudflat, cliff or seabed in or at the boundary of marine park
- ❖ Damage any sign, notice or other devices managed by AFCD
- ❖ Any destructive fishing practices, such as trawling, spear gun, explosive, chemical or electric charge
- ❖ Water-skiing, operating of a jet ski or water scooter
- ❖ Fish culture
- ❖ Unauthorised display of any sign, notice, poster, banner or advertisement
- ❖ Unauthorised holding of any public meeting, boating, sporting competition or funds raising activity
- ❖ Unauthorised operation of any power-driven model boat or aeroplane

Special Conditions:

- ❖ Applicant should comply with provisions in the Marine Parks and Marine Reserves Regulation (Cap.476A) for conducting business activity (cargo loading/ unloading/ transshipment) in Marine Park, vessel operations (including the release of ballast water) should not cause any pollution to seawater.
- ❖ No intake of seawater within Marine Park as ballast water to avoid taking any marine life.

6. Payment request will be sent to applicant by AFCD upon the receiving of completed application form and relevant document required. The permit fee is HK\$180.

7. Applicant may pay the permit fee through ATM, PPS, Internet, by post or in person at post office or convenience store.
8. Under normal circumstances, AFCD will complete the vetting process within 3 working days upon receiving of completed application form and relevant document required, and permit will be issued by post and email.
9. Applicant should notify the Marine Conservation Division of AFCD with the date, time and information of the involved vessels (including the licence numbers and contact of barge, tug boats and river trade vessels) **24 hours prior to the cargo loading/ unloading/ transshipment activity by email (marineparks_permit@afcd.gov.hk) and fax (3468 3015).**

** In addition to the general business activity (cargo loading/ unloading/ transshipment) permit as mentioned above, applicant can apply for the specific business activity (cargo loading/ unloading/ transshipment) permit for holiday. This can facilitate river trade vessels to conduct cargo loading/ unloading/ transshipment in bank holidays, barge with this specific permit is allowed to carry out marine operation in a single 48 hours period at any Saturday, Sunday or public holiday throughout a year. Application procedures are similar to that of the general business activity (cargo loading/ unloading/ transshipment) permit.

Queries

For any queries regarding the permit and its application, please contact the Marine Conservation Division of AFCD via:

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