



Amendment to Section 14A(6)(b)(iv) of Import and Export Ordinance

The amendment to section 14A(6)(b)(iv) of the Import and Export Ordinance, coming into operation on December 24, 2009, targets vessels used or suspected of being used for the purpose of smuggling.

The section stipulates that:-

- **a vessel (or vessel under construction) of less than 250 gross tons if it has a facility to mount one or more than one outboard engine;**
- **where the total power of the engine or engines could exceed 168 kilowatts (i.e. 225 horsepower)**

may be presumed to be used for the purpose of smuggling.



**Smuggling by sea is a serious offence.
The vessels and goods involved are liable to forfeiture.**

According to section 14A of the Import and Export Ordinance, any person who:-

- **constructs a vessel of less than 250 gross tons;**
- **repairs or maintains a vessel of less than 250 gross tons;**
- **is found on board a vessel of less than 250 gross tons knowing that that vessel is being used for the purpose of smuggling;**
- **is in charge of the vessel of less than 250 gross tons or is its master**

for the purpose of smuggling is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to:

- **a fine of \$2,000,000; and**
- **imprisonment for 7 years.**

(Please refer to the complete version of section 14A of the Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60) for details. For all regulations, the Ordinance shall prevail.)

**Dial the C&ED 24-hour hotline (2545 6182)
for any reports on smuggling.**