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PRESS STATEMENT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MALAYSIAN MARITIME LAW REVISION AND REFORM COMMITTEE (MLRRC)

Putrajaya, 10 July 2025 – The Government of Malaysia, through the Ministry of Transport (MOT), has today officially established the **Malaysia Maritime Law Revision and Reform Committee (MLRRC)**. The formation of this committee is a strategic initiative aimed at strengthening the legal framework of the country's maritime sector, in line with the mandate of **YAB Prime Minister on Legislative and Institutional Reforms**, as announced in the tabling of the 2025 Budget.

In conjunction with this establishment, the **Letter of Appointment Presentation Ceremony for members of the MLRRC** was officiated by the Minister of Transport, thus marking the official commencement of collective and phased efforts to review and reform the country's maritime laws.

The formation of this committee reflects the Government's commitment to building a modern, progressive, and responsive maritime legal system that keeps pace with the increasingly complex landscape of global maritime trade. As a trading nation heavily dependent on shipping and port sectors—with **94.6% of its trade conducted via sea**—Malaysia requires maritime laws that are effective, relevant, and aligned with international best practices.

SCOPE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MLRRC

The MLRRC will undertake a phased process of reviewing, reforming, and drafting maritime laws, taking into account the magnitude and complexity of each legal instrument involved. Concurrently, the committee is also mandated to review and propose improvements to maritime laws falling under the purview of the





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Ministry and other agencies, given the polycentric nature of Malaysia's maritime legal framework.

In its first phase, the MLRRC will focus on six (6) key legislative instruments, namely:

1. Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1952 [Ord. 70/1952]
2. Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1960 (Sabah) [Ord. No. 11/1960]
3. Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1960 (Sarawak) [Ord. No. 2/1960]
4. Penang Port Commission Act 1955 [Act 140]
5. Port Authorities Act 1963 [Act 488]
6. Port (Privatization) Act 1990 [Act 422]

COMPOSITION OF MLRRC

The Committee is chaired by YA Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan, Federal Court Judge, with YA Ong Chee Kwan, Judge, High Court of Malaya (Admiralty), as Deputy Chairperson. The MLRRC consists of 23 permanent members, comprising representatives from ministries/departments, the State Governments of Sabah and Sarawak, legal practitioners, academics, enforcement agencies, industry representatives, as well as former senior government officials.

To further strengthen technical expertise, eight (8) Ad Hoc experts have also been appointed, covering areas such as shipping, port operations, maritime training, and international shipping law.

The full list of the MLRRC members is attached as reference (please refer to the attachment).





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MOT COMMITMENT

The process of reviewing and reforming maritime laws will be implemented in phases until next year, in line with the National Transport Policy and in support of the country's maritime legal reform agenda, toward a system that is more sustainable, inclusive, and dynamic.

The Ministry of Transport Malaysia remains steadfast in its commitment to continuously strengthening maritime governance and the legal framework to ensure the competitiveness of Malaysia's shipping industry at both regional and global levels.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT MALAYSIA

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MENGENAI MOT:

Kementerian Pengangkutan Malaysia bertekad untuk memimpin dalam sistem pengangkutan bersepadu, cekap dan selamat dengan memperkasakan sistem pengangkutan berasaskan teknologi sebagai pemangkin pembangunan negara.

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REFERENCE

Malaysia Maritime Law Revision and Reform Committee

Chairman

1. **YA Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan** (Federal Court Judge)

Deputy Chairman

2. **YA Ong Chee Kwan** (Judge, NCC Court 2 & Commercial Court 9 (Admiralty))

Committee Members

3. **YBhg. Datuk Haji Dickson Dollah** (Director of Marine, Malaysia Marine Department)
4. **YBrs. Prof. Dr. Chuah Chin Tik** (Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Malaya)
5. **YBrs. Kapten K. Subramaniam** (General Manager, Port Klang Authority)
6. **YBrs. Puan Farhatun binti Abdull Samat** (Head of Miscellaneous Law Unit, Law Revision and Law Reform Division, Attorney General's Chambers)
7. **YBrs. Puan Suriyani binti Ali** (Deputy Director I, Infrastructure and Utilities Division, Ministry of Economy)
8. **YBrs. Tuan Jaya Singam Rajoo** (Senior Director, Multilateral Policy & Negotiation Division, Ministry of Investment, Trade & Industry)
9. **YBrs. Tuan Selamat Jati Yanjah** (Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport Sarawak)
10. **YBrs. Tuan Haji Latiff bin Coupon** (Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Infrastructure and Port Development Sarawak)





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11. **YBrs. Dr. Jady @ Zaidi bin Hassim** (Senior State Counsel, Sarawak State Attorney-General's Chambers)
12. **YBhg. Datuk Puan Dayangku Fazidah Hatun binti Pg. Bagul** (Deputy State Attorney-General I, Sabah State Attorney-General's Chambers)
13. **YBrs. Tuan Maswandie bin Maimoon** (Director, Ports and Wharfs Department Sabah)
14. **YBrs. Komander Maritim Mohd Fadhlie bin Ab Khalil** (Chief Assistant Director, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency)
15. **Puan Munirah binti Muhamed Padzil** (Legal Advisor, Ministry of Transport Malaysia)
16. **YBrs. Dr. Siva Sangar Krishnan** (Under Secretary of Maritime Division, Ministry of Transport Malaysia)
17. **YBhg. Dato' Mohamed Suffian bin Awang** (Chairman, Maritime Institute of Malaysia)
18. **YBhg. Dato' Baharin bin Dato' Abdul Hamid** (Former Director General of Marine, Malaysia Marine Department)
19. **YBhg. Dato' Abdullah Yusuff bin Basiron** (Former Under Secretary of Maritime Division, Ministry of Transport Malaysia)
20. **YBrs. Tuan Muhammad Razif bin Ahmad** (Former General Manager, Johor Port Authority)
21. **YBrs. Tuan Mathew Kurien** (Chairman, Admiralty and Shipping Law Committee, Malaysian Bar Council)
22. **YBrs. Tuan Jeremy M. Joseph** (Founder, Joseph & Partners)
23. **YBrs. Puan Trishelea Ann Sandosam** (Chairman, International Malaysian Society of Maritime Law)





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Ad Hoc Committee Members

1. **YBrs. Prof. Ts. Dr. Md Redzuan bin Zoolfakar** (Maritime Lecturer, University Kuala Lumpur)
2. **YBrs. Ts. Dr Captain Manivannan Subramaniam** (Chief Executive Officer, Akademi Laut Malaysia)
3. **YBrs. Tuan Ooi Lean Hin** (Managing Director, MTT Shipping Sdn. Bhd.)
4. **YBrs. Tuan Mohamed Safwan bin Othman** (President/Group Managing Director, Dinastia Jati Group of Companies)
5. **YBrs. Kapten Cheah Sin Bi** (Chief Executive Officer, Orkim Sdn. Bhd.)
6. **YBrs. Kapten Rajalingam Subramaniam** (Chief Executive Officer, Fleet Management Limited)
7. **YBrs. Tuan Mohd Fairoz bin Rozali** (Marine Officer, Marine Department Malaysia)
8. **YBrs. Kapten M. Prathaban** (General Manager, Ships Classification Malaysia)

Secretariat

1. **Maritime Division, Ministry of Transport Malaysia**
2. **Maritime Institute of Malaysia**

