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# HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

## Safety Equipment and Pollution Prevention Equipment Carried in Excess of Statutory Requirements

*To : Shipowners, ship managers and ship masters*


***Summary***

The purpose of this Merchant Shipping Information Note is to remind shipowners, ship managers and ship masters of their responsibilities in maintaining statutory required safety equipment and pollution prevention equipment and any such equipment which is carried in excess of statutory requirements.


1. Recent cases have come to the Department's attention of ships carrying safety equipment in excess of statutory requirements and that such equipment is not being properly maintained. As a result, ships were detained under port State control inspection. If such equipment is on board it might come to be relied upon in any emergency and it should, therefore, be maintained in good condition and be readily available for immediate use at all times. The same should apply to pollution prevention equipment in excess of statutory requirements.

2. Shipowners, ship managers and ship masters are therefore, reminded that they are responsible not only for maintaining statutory required safety equipment and pollution prevention equipment but also have to ensure that any additional equipment in excess of statutory requirements is safe, suitable for its intended purpose, and maintained in good condition in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

3. It is also stated in the IMO guidelines for shipowners, ship managers and ship masters in MSC XLIII/18, Annex 3, paragraph 23 that:

> *"Equipment on board which is expected to be relied on in situations affecting safety or pollution prevention must be in operating condition. If such equipment is inoperative and is in excess of the equipment requirement by an appropriate Convention and/or the Flag State it should either be repaired, removed or if removal is not practicable, clearly marked as inoperative and secured."*

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