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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidance for Compliance with Vague Expressions in Certain Provisions of Merchant Shipping Regulations

To : Shipowners, Ship Operators, Masters, Classification Societies and Ship Builders

Summary

The purpose of this Merchant Shipping Information Note is to provide guidance for compliance with vague expressions in certain provisions of Merchant Shipping Regulations.

1. There are vague expressions like “to the satisfaction of the Director” etc. in certain provisions of local Merchant Shipping Regulations used to give effect to SOLAS requirements.
2. Over the years more specific requirements have been adopted by IMO to implement some of the aforementioned provisions. Work is being done to amend the relevant local legislation to incorporate the said specific requirements.
3. Nevertheless, as an interim measure, this Note provides some guidance for compliance with the said provisions. Unless otherwise expressly specified in the attached annex, this Administration in principle accepts specific requirements, guidelines or recommendations issued by Recognized Organizations* to facilitate compliance by Hong Kong registered ships (Remarks: * ABS, BV, CCS, DNV, GL, KR, LR, NK, RINA are Recognized Organizations).
4. Shipowners, ship operators, masters, classification societies and ship builders are requested to note and follow the guidance.

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