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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to Annex I and Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators, Master and Officers

Summary

New amendments to Annex I and Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 with respect to reception facilities outside Special Areas and discharge of sewage respectively.

1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 56th session in July 2007 adopted, by resolution MEPC.164(56), amendments to Annex I and Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78 with respect to reception facilities outside Special Areas and discharge of sewage respectively. The new requirements will come into force internationally on **1 December 2008**.
2. A copy of the resolution MEPC.164(56) is attached for ready reference.
3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators, Master and Officers are advised to note and observe the new amendments to Annex I and Annex IV of MARPOL 73/78.

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