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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Guidelines on Annual Testing of the Automatic Identification System (AIS)**

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters, Officers, Equipment Manufacturers and Classification Societies*

***Summary***

This Note promulgates the Guidelines on annual testing of the automatic identification system (AIS) approved by the Maritime Safety Committee, at its 83<sup>rd</sup> session in October 2007.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of IMO at its 83<sup>rd</sup> session in October 2007 approved the IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1252, which contains the guidelines on annual testing of the automatic identification system (AIS).
2. The AIS required to be fitted on board the ship by SOLAS regulation V/19.2.4 should be subject to an annual performance test. The purpose of the guidelines is to provide a standard method for testing the performance of AIS.
3. The IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1252 is attached to this Note for ready reference. Parties concerned are required to follow these guidelines for annual testing of AIS installed on ships.

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