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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments and Unified Interpretation to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code)

To : Shipowners, Ship Mangers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate :

- (a) IMO resolution MSC.217(82) (Annex 1) on the amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code); and
- (b) IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1240 which provides unified interpretation of the FSS Code for ships constructed on or after 5 October 2007.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization, at its 82nd session in December 2006, adopted resolution MSC.217(82) to amend the FSS Code. The amendments are set out in Annex 1 and Annex 2 of the above resolution.

2. The amendments in Annex 1, which will enter into force on 1 July 2008, modify the requirements in relation to fire extinguishers, fixed fire fighting installations and fixed fire detection and fire alarm systems. A copy of the resolution MSC.217(82) with Annex 1 is attached to this Note for ready reference.

3. The amendments in Annex 2, which are expected to enter into force on 1 July 2010, will be promulgated by a separate Merchant Shipping Information Note in due course.

4. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its 83rd session in October 2007, approved the unified interpretation, as detailed in circular MSC.1/Circ.1240, on storage of fire-extinguishing media forward the cargo holds for applying relevant provisions of chapter 5 of the FSS Code for ships constructed on or after 5 October 2007. A copy of the circular MSC.1/Circ.1240 is attached to this Note for ready reference.

5. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the amendments and unified interpretation, and act accordingly.

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