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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the amendments adopted under the Protocol of 1988 Relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 (hereinafter called "1988 Load Lines Protocol"). The amendments will enter into force internationally on 1 July 2008. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 4/2006.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of International Maritime Organization adopted resolution MSC 223(82) on 8 December 2006 to amend Regulation 22 (Scuppers, inlets and discharges) and Regulation 39 (Minimum bow height and reserve buoyancy) of Annex I – "Regulations for Determining Load Lines" to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2008.
2. A copy of resolution MSC. 223(82) is attached to this Note for ready reference. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the amendments and act accordingly.
3. A table listing out the different sets of amendments to the International Convention on Load Lines ever adopted by the IMO up to 8 December 2006 is attached as Annex 1 to this Note for easy reference.
4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 4/2006.

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