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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

IMO Guidelines for Ballast Water Sampling (G2)

To : *Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators and Masters*

Summary

This Note draws attention to the Guidelines for Ballast Water Sampling adopted by IMO in October 2008.

1. In October 2008, at its 58th session, IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) adopted the Guidelines for Ballast Water Sampling by resolution MEPC.173(58). The main purpose of these Guidelines is to provide practical and technical guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis for the purpose of determining whether the ship is in compliance with the Ballast Water Management Convention according to article 9 “ Inspection of Ships”.
2. The Guidelines as annexed to IMO resolution MEPC.173(58) can be found on Marine Department Website at “<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>” attached to this MSIN.
3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Operators and Masters are advised to note the Guidelines.

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