



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the Guidelines on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers

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 to the International Maritime Organization resolution A.744(18) – “Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers and oil tankers” (hereinafter called the “Guidelines”). The amendments will enter into force internationally on 1 January 2010. This Note supersedes Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 49/2006.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization adopted resolution MSC.261(84) on 16 May 2008 to amend the “Guidelines”. The amendments, which will enter into force on 1 January 2010, are mainly related to the insertion of “Part A” and “Part B” for the existing title of “ANNEX A” whereby :

- (a) Part A refers to the “Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers having single-side skin construction”;
- (b) Part B refers to the “Guidelines on the enhanced programme of inspections during surveys of bulk carriers having double-side skin construction”.

2. Apart from resolution MSC.261(84), the “Guidelines” has been previously amended by the following resolutions :

- (a) resolution MSC.49(66) adopted by the MSC in June 1996, which entered into force on 1 July 1998;
- (b) resolution 2 of the Conference of Contracting Governments to SOLAS 1974 held in November 1997, which entered into force on 1 July 1999;
- (c) resolution MSC.105(73) adopted by the MSC in December 2000, which entered into force on 1 July 2002;
- (d) resolution MSC.125(75) adopted by the MSC in May 2002, which entered into force on 1 January 2004;

- (e) resolution MSC.144(77) adopted by the MSC in June 2003, which entered into force on 1 January 2005; and
- (f) resolution MSC.197(80) adopted by the MSC in May 2005, which entered into force on 1 January 2007.

3. Resolution MSC.261(84) and those resolutions listed out in paragraph 2 above can be found as attachments to this Note on the Marine Department website (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk>). Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the amendments and act accordingly.

4. This Note supersedes Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 49/2006.

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