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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Application for the issue of Hong Kong GMDSS Certificate of Equivalent Competency and Endorsement under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW), as amended

To : Shipowners, Ship Masters, Agents and Seafarers' Unions

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform shipowners, ship masters, agents and seafarers' unions about the separation of the "Guidelines for the Issue of GMDSS Certificate of Equivalent Competency with Endorsement for Recognised Foreign GMDSS Radio Certificate Holders and Certificate Endorsement Revalidation" from the Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note (the HKMSIN) to the Marine Department website. The HKMSIN No. 24/2005 issued on 6 July 2005 is superseded.

1. The "**Guidelines for the Issue of GMDSS Certificate of Equivalent Competency with Endorsement and Certificate Endorsement Revalidation**" (referred as "the Guidelines") annexed to the HKMSIN No. 24/2005 also included a list of STCW countries that are recognized by this Administration for the issue of full term or short term GMDSS Certificate of Equivalent Competency (CoEC). However, any new addition or deletion of countries on the list would require the update of the Guidelines and result in the reissue of the said HKMSIN. The issue of such HKMSIN is, therefore, too frequent and may cause confusion. As such, the Guidelines are removed from the HKMSIN to the Marine Department's website. The website address assigned for this purpose is: "http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/pub_services/exam.html". This allows the immediate updating of information in the Guidelines.

2. Enquiries relating to this Note should be directed to the Support Services Sub-section of the Office of the Telecommunications Authority at telephone no.: +852 2961 6608; fax no.: +852 2803 5113 or e-mail address: maritime@ofta.gov.hk.

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