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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Application for the issue of Hong Kong Licences and Endorsements 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 Hong Kong Licences to holders of non-Hong Kong Certificates under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended" from the HKMSIN to the Marine Department web site. The HKMSIN No. 23/2005 issued on 6 July 2005 is superseded.

1. The "**Guidelines for the Issue of Hong Kong Licences to holders of non-Hong Kong Certificates under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended**" (referred as "the Guidelines") annexed to the HKMSIN No. 23/2005 also included a list of STCW countries that are recognized by this Administration for the issue of full term or short term licences and the fees for the issue of such licences. However, any new addition or deletion of recognized countries on the list or the amendments to the fees require the update of the Guidelines and result in the reissue of the said HKMSIN. The issue of such HKMSINs is, therefore, too frequent and may cause confusion. As such, the Guidelines are now 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. Ratings who have to carry out watchkeeping duties on board Hong Kong registered vessels must hold appropriate watch rating certificates. This Administration accepts watch rating certificates issued by STCW Convention countries on the IMO white list to have the same effect as those issued by Hong Kong.

3. Enquiries relating to this Note should be directed to the Senior Surveyor of the Seafarers' Certification Section on telephone no.: (+852) 2852 4368; fax no.: (+852) 2541 6754; or e-mail address: sscrt@mardep.gov.hk.

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