



香港商船資訊

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 to 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 2010. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 13/2008.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the resolution MSC.270(85) to amend Regulation 1 (Strength and intact stability of ships) and Regulation 3 (Definitions of terms used in the Annexes) of Annex I – "Regulations for Determining Load Lines" to the 1988 Load Lines Protocol. The amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2010.
2. The details of these amendments can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as an attachment to this Note. 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 IMO with the date of entry in force on or before 1 July 2010 is attached as Appendix 1 to this Note for easy reference.
4. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 13/2008.

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