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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendment to Resolution A.910(22)(Amendments to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended)

To : *Shipowners, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies*

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to inform the parties concerned of the amendment to Resolution A.910(22)(Amendments to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended).

1. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 22nd Assembly on 29 November 2001 adopted, by Resolution A.910(22), amendments to the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended. The amendments have entered into force internationally since 29 November 2003.

2. On 6 November 2009, IMO issued a Note Verbal A1/M/1.09 (NV.2) to inform State Parties that there was an omission in the instruction preceding the amendment to paragraph (c) of Section 1 of Annex III on page 4 in the resolution. The words "*Paragraph (c) is amended*" should be amended to "*First sub-paragraph (c) is amended*" i.e. the following second and third sub-paragraphs (c) should be maintained:

"The range of audibility in the table above is intended only for information and is approximately the range at which a whistle may be heard on its forward axis with 90 per cent probability in conditions of still air on board a vessel having average background noise level at the listening posts (taken to be 68dB in the octave band centred on 250 Hz and 63 dB in the octave band centred on 500 Hz).

In practice the range at which a whistle may be heard is variable and depends very much on weather conditions. The values given can be regarded as typical but under conditions of strong wind or high ambient noise level at the listening post the range may be much reduced."

3. Shipowners, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are required to note the above amendment and act accordingly.
4. The IMO Resolution A.910(22) is attached to this Note for ready reference.

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