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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Halon Banking and Reception Facilities

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Masters

Summary

This Note supersedes Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 8/2010 to provide the updated information on halon banking and reception facilities at various ports of the world.

1. Under the 1992 amendments to the 1974 SOLAS Convention adopted by resolution MSC.27(61), new installations of halon fire-extinguishing systems have been prohibited since 1 October 1994. The Sub-Committee on Fire Protection of the IMO, at its 40th session in 1995, decided that for the time being and until appropriate halon banking facilities are established, halons need not be withdrawn from existing systems.
2. As existing halon systems may need to be recharged with recycled halons to comply with the relevant requirements of the 1974 SOLAS Convention, updated information on the availability of halon banking and reception facilities at various ports of the world is provided in the IMO circular FP.1/Circ.42 dated 31 January 2011. This circular can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as annex to this Note.
3. The previous Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 8/2010 is hereby cancelled.

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