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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretations of the 1966 Load Lines Convention and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol as modified by resolution MSC.143(77) relating to the regulation 25(2) and (3) for protection of the crew

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Classification Societies and Shipbuilders

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretations of the 1966 Load Lines Convention and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol as modified by resolution MSC.143(77) relating to the regulation 25(2) and (3) for protection of the crew.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), at its 90th session in May 2012, approved a circular LL.3/Circ.208 on unified interpretations of the 1966 Load Lines Convention and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol as modified by resolution MSC.143(77) relating to the regulation 25(2) and (3) for protection of the crew, with a view to providing more specific guidance for the application of requirements concerning guard rails.
2. The unified interpretations should be used as guidance when applying relevant provisions of the 1966 Load Lines Convention and the 1988 Load Lines Protocol as modified by resolution MSC.143(77), on or after 22 May 2012.
3. The IMO circular LL.3/Circ.208 as an attachment to this Note can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).

4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the unified interpretations and act accordingly.

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