



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Unified Interpretation of SOLAS Chapter II-1/48.3

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the unified interpretation of SOLAS Chapter II-1/48.3 concerning the controls of the emergency bilge suction valve in periodically unattended machinery spaces.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at its 90th session in May 2012, approved a circular MSC.1/Circ.1424 on unified interpretation of SOLAS Chapter II-1/48.3 concerning the controls of the emergency bilge suction valve in periodically unattended machinery spaces. This unified interpretation should be used from 21 May 2012 when applying the relevant provisions of SOLAS Chapter II-1/48.3.
2. The details of the unified interpretation can be found as attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, ship masters, classification societies and shipbuilders of Hong Kong registered ships are required to note the unified interpretation and act accordingly.

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