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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

### **Guidelines on the Allocation of Responsibilities to seek the Successful Resolution of Stowaway Cases**

*To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Ship Masters*

#### *Summary*

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidelines on the Allocation of Responsibilities to seek the Successful resolution of Stowaway Cases. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 12/1998.

1. The Assembly of the IMO, at its 20<sup>th</sup> session in November 1997, adopted by resolution A.871(20) the “Guidelines on the allocation of responsibilities to seek the successful resolution of stowaway cases”.
2. The guidelines give information on how to prevent intending stowaways from getting aboard a ship and list out the responsibilities of the master and the shipowner or the operator if the stowaways are found on board a ship after leaving a port.
3. The resolution A.871(20) can be found on the webpage of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as an attachment to this Note.
4. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators and ship masters are advised to follow these guidelines in resolving stowaway cases. Hong Kong Marine Department, as far as practicable will assist the master/shipowner in such cases as stated under the responsibility of the flag state of the vessel.
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Notice No. 12/1998.

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