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HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Guidelines for Developing Operation and Maintenance Manuals for Lifeboat Systems

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate the Guidelines for Developing Operation and Maintenance Manuals for Lifeboat Systems. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 42/2006.

1. The Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO, at its 81st session in May 2006, approved the “Guidelines for developing operation and maintenance manuals for lifeboat systems” as annexed to IMO circular MSC.1/Circ.1205.
2. The purpose of these guidelines is to encourage development of user-friendly manuals for operation and maintenance of lifeboat systems including their launching appliances. Detailed instructions on the operation of the lifeboat and using the on-load release gear in a safe manner are given.
3. The circular MSC.1/Circ.1205 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, ship masters, classification societies, shipbuilders and lifeboat manufacturers are recommended to note and follow the guidelines in developing manuals for lifeboat systems.
5. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note No. 42/2006.

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